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Water Remains Safe to Drink, Modernization Continues

Red Hill Public Information Workshop Mar. 14

(JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM) — The Navy and Defense Logistics Agency will host a public information workshop on March 14, 2018 at Moanalua Middle School from 6 to 9 p.m. The workshop will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and hear the latest update on the Administrative Order on Consent. The public is invited to attend.

In December, the Navy and Defense Logistics Agency submitted the Tank Upgrade Alternative (TUA) report to regulators: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and State of Hawaii Department of Health. At the public information workshop on March 14, the Navy will provide details about this report and evaluate each alternative. The comprehensive report is available on the EPA's website: https://www.epa.gov/red-hill

In a letter distributed in December, Rear Adm. Brian Fort, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (MIDPAC) welcomed stakeholders and neighbors to read the comprehensive report and visit relevant websites.

"With our submission of the Tank Upgrade Alternative (TUA) report on Dec. 8, the Navy and Defense Logistics Agency provided one of several tools to our regulators to help evaluate six options for upgrading the tanks at Red Hill," Fort said. "I welcome stakeholders and neighbors to read the comprehensive report, available on the EPA's Red Hill website: https://www.epa.gov/red-hill."

The EPA posted a fact sheet on its site that provides updates on enhanced tank maintenance procedures, the groundwater monitoring network, drinking water standards, tank upgrade study, and the process for selecting upgrades, along with other information.

"The EPA confirms that drinking water meets all federal and state standards. Full drinking water reports are available online, and additional information about how the DOH safeguards drinking water is available at http://health.hawaii.gov/sdwb/.

"We're happy to present the science, facts and evidence behind our decision-making process," Fort noted. "For more general information from the Navy about Red Hill, I invite you to visit our website: www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill. Regulators confirm our drinking water continues to be safe to drink and the Red Hill tanks are not leaking," Fort said.

Media are invited to attend.

Stakeholder letters from Rear Adm. Fort, along with other information and photos, are available at www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill. The Red Hill information video is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Bx81rD206A&feature=youtu.be. Other information, including a sign-up form for EPA Red Hill updates, is available at: https://www.epa.gov/red-hill