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Upcoming Events

- Drinking Water Monitoring Update for Red Hill Webinar: June 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Register at [EPA.gov](https://www.epa.gov).
- Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booths: June 20 at Halsey Terrace NEX Mini Mart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Child & Youth Programs Hiring Fair: June 22 & 23 Pearlridge Center Mauka, Center Court from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Navy, National Park Service Convey 400 Acres to City

The Navy and National Park Service conveyed 400 acres of land in Kalaeloa to the City and County of Honolulu last week. "The Navy is thrilled to partner with the City and County of Honolulu, as well as the National Park Service, to make this land transfer possible and ensure it provides a long-term benefit to the community," said Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and the Environment and Chief Sustainability Officer.



Navy Helps Dedicate Kuponu Solar Project in West Loch

Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and the Environment, and Capt. Mark Sohaney, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) commander, took part in last week's dedication of the Kuponu Solar Project, a 42 MW photovoltaic solar and four-hour battery storage facility built on 131 acres of Navy-leased land on JBPHH's West Loch Annex. Kuponu Solar began commercial service in early June and has the capacity to power 10,000 Oahu homes. Ameresco owns and operates the facility.



LGBTQI+ Service Members Celebrate Acceptance, Diversity

The Navy joins the nation in celebrating LGBTQI+ Pride Month during the month of June. LGBTQI+ Pride Month provides a platform to honor the perseverance and achievements of LGBTQI+ leaders within the Navy's ranks and to reflect on the strides made in overcoming numerous obstacles to their service. In his message to the force, Secretary Carlos Del Toro said Pride Month is a reminder of the importance of creating a more effective and supportive military community.



JBPHH, DLNR Host Site Visit to Waiawa Watershed

JBPHH and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources recently hosted a site tour to the Waiawa Watershed for members of the U.S. Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program. The REPI Program aims to protect and restore the native upland forests that are home to the island's watersheds and aquifers. The Waiawa Watershed is the principle recharge area for the Pearl Harbor Aquifer, which supplies much of Oahu's drinking water.



Preparations Underway for 2024 RIMPAC June 27-Aug. 1

Planning and preparations are being finalized for the 29th biennial Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC), a multinational exercise involving 29 nations and more than 25,000 personnel, set to run June 27 to Aug. 1 in and around the Hawaiian Islands. Hosted by Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2024 will be led by Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, who will serve as the Combined Task Force commander. To learn more, watch the RIMPAC 2024 trailer.



This Week in History: June 21, 1998

On June 21, 1998, the USS Missouri (BB-63), an Iowa-class battleship built in the 1940s, arrived in Hawaii from Bremerton, Washington. It was the battleship's final destination in a 51-year career that included serving proudly in WWII, the Korean War, and the Gulf War. The Missouri opened to the public in January 1999 as a memorial and museum in Pearl Harbor.

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