

2023 ACO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. Q: Why is the GAC at NAHS only temporary? What is the permanent solution to treat the water?

A. The Navy has installed a Granular Activated Carbon treatment system at the Navy Aiea Halawa Shaft (NAHS) to proactively address the presence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in advance of the Environmental Protection Agency's recently revised National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for PFAS and to restore the use of this inactive well for water resiliency. Once in operation, the Navy will continue to monitor the condition of the (NAHS) source water and based on future data, will re-evaluate the need for continued treatment and further investment.

2. Q: What is in the foam the Navy will use in the pipes and what's the name of the foam being considered?

A. The Navy is studying the possibility of using an expandable foam to permanently close pipes that are difficult to remove. The Navy received a demonstration of a proprietary foam formulation as part of this exploration, but a final decision has not been made whether such technology will be used as part of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility closure process.

3. Q: Where can I find a copy of the geotechnical study that was conducted to assess the structural impact of closing the tanks in place?

A. A variety of documents are available online at [CNIC CNRH Red Hill](#). The structural assessment for closing in place is available at [Assessment Long Term Structural Integrity of Red Hill Underground Storage Tanks](#).