

Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility FAQs

In compliance with 2023 Administrative Consent Order (ACO) Statement of Work (SOW) Section 2.3.3, the Navy is publishing a list of answers to frequently asked public comments or questions.

Q: When will Red Hill tanks and pipes be removed from the ground and how long will it take for Red Hill to be shut down?

A: The Navy is proposing that the fuel storage tanks and pipelines at Red Hill be permanently closed by August 2027. This information as well as other important dates and milestones related to the closing of Red Hill are included in the Department of the Navy's Closure Plan which can be accessed here:

<https://cnrh.cnic.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/DEPARTMENT-OF-THE-NAVY-CLOSURE-PLAN-RED-HILL-BULK-FUEL-STORAGE-FACILITY/>

Q: Has the Navy considered the special Enzyme Bacterial Solution to clean RHBFSF and/or considered outsourcing of the cleaning of the RHBFSF (Global Nano-Technologies)?

A: The Navy is currently in the planning stages for the closure plan. Remediation efforts at Red Hill are underway and will continue throughout the closure process. As part of remediation, the Navy, in coordination with the regulatory agencies, will be evaluating potential treatment technologies.

Q: Our unit works closely with the Neighborhood Board in Mililani and during last month's meeting, a member requested any recent updates on Red Hill. I was reaching out to see if there was any new information I could relay to this community member?

A: Currently, there are seven (7) City and County of Honolulu Neighborhood Board Meeting that actively request the Navy's presence. Navy representatives who attend those meetings provide in-person updates regarding Red Hill related activities. For those neighborhood board meetings that the Navy is not invited to, the public is encouraged to visit the Navy's Red Hill website where they can find up-to-date information on Red Hill, as well as contact information if they have a specific question or concern.

Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) information and updates can be found at:

<https://cnrh.cnic.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/>.

RHBFSF Defueling information can be found at:

<https://www.pacom.mil/JTF-Red-Hill/Joint-Task-Force-Red-Hill/> and

<https://cnrh.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/DoD-RHBFSF-Defuel-Plan/>.

RHBFSF Tank Closure information can be found at:

<https://cnrh.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/DEPARTMENT-OF-THE-NAVY-CLOSURE-PLAN-RED-HILL-BULK-FUEL-STORAGE-FACILITY/>.

The Navy's Red Hill website also has information on public engagement updates, news releases, public notices, and other related links.

The public can email their questions directly to Navy Region Hawaii using the following email address:

CNRH.PAO@US.NAVY.MIL

Q: To assist with the Red Hill closure and cleanup, CSI (Carbon Supply Inc.) in partnership with Hawaii based Whydah Pacific LLC are evaluating building a GAC (Granular Activated Carbon) reactivation kiln on Oahu. Why use reactivated GAC in Hawaii?

A: We appreciate the information and have passed it on to the remediation team. It will help inform their market research as they consider future contracting actions.

Q: I heard in the Monday, May 1 television interview with BWS that the Navy has not allow agreed upon access to monitoring wells it drilled on military property, although the Navy requested, and BWS allowed, access to its monitoring wells, with the understanding that there would be reciprocity. Why is the Navy not providing reciprocal access and withholding information? This is not consistent with the stated mission of the Joint Task Force RH.

A: The Navy has agreed to provide the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) the opportunity to conduct joint collection of water samples from the Navy's Red Hill Shaft. This testing will be conducted in accordance with approved sampling protocols established by federal (Environmental Protection Agency) and state (Hawaii Department of Health) regulatory agencies.