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Modernization at Red Hill continues, drinking water remains safe to drink

(JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM) – Rear Adm. Brian Fort, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific (MIDPAC), issued his second and the Navy’s ninth “stakeholder letter” this week. The letter offers links to information from regulators – Environmental Protection Agency and Hawaii State Department of Health – as well as on the Navy’s Red Hill 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, updating the community on recent initiatives related to the Red Hill Fuel Facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“With our submission of the Tank Upgrade Alternative (TUA) report on December 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 new December 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/>.

“Looking ahead, in 2018 we plan to hold an open-house public information workshop in coordination with EPA and DOH,” Fort noted. “The exact date is yet to be determined, but we will announce a formal public comment period shortly after the holidays. “Although we had a few scheduling delays getting started, our Red Hill team is now setting up additional briefings to answer the community’s questions at neighborhood boards on Oahu.”

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Fort concluded, “On behalf of all the Sailors proudly serving in Hawaii – many of whom are deployed and away from their families during the holiday season – thank you for your steadfast support. We will continue to stand the watch, carrying out our mission while at the same time ensuring the drinking water remains safe for all of us. From my family and our Navy team here, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year to you and yours.”

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Photos:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/3334572/red-hill-bulk-fuel-storage-facility>

170421-N-ON468-027 PEARL HARBOR (April 21, 2017) Capt. Richard Hayes, commanding officer of NAVFAC Hawaii, speaks to Hawaii 1st District Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa during a visit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The Congresswoman and other guests visited the modernized Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, where subject matter experts showed how the Navy maintains the facility as a national strategic asset. Red Hill provides fuel to operate overseas while ensuring drinking water in the area remains safe. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeff Troutman)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/2437387/red-hill-visit>

160219-N-PA426-028 PEARL HARBOR (Feb. 19, 2016) Board of Water Supply members visit an empty fuel tank at the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility near Pearl Harbor. The group visited the modernized Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, where subject matter experts showed how the Navy maintains the facility as a national strategic asset.

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/2177582/officials-tour-red-hill-underground-fuel-storage-facility>

150915-N-GI544-139 PEARL HARBOR (Sept. 15, 2015) Capt. Ken Epps, commanding officer

of NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, left, briefs members of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, Moanalua Valley Community Association and Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 during a visit to one of the empty fuel tanks at the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility near Pearl Harbor.

Video:

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