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U.S. Navy Contains Fuel Release at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility *Released Jet Fuel Contained To Facility*

HONOLULU, HI – Navy personnel responded to a reported release of fuel from a distribution pipeline inside the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility on Thursday evening, May 6. The fuel containment system at Red Hill properly monitored, detected, and collected the fuel release as designed.

Preliminary reports indicate approximately 1,000 gallons of fuel was released during a fuel transfer and properly collected by the fuel containment system; there were no leaks from any fuel tanks. The pipe release was detected immediately and the system worked as designed to collect, isolate and contain the fuel safely within the Red Hill facility.

“Our containment system functioned as designed to keep the fuel contained within our facility, with no indication that fuel was released to the environment,” said Capt. Gordie Meyer, Commanding Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii. “We are thankful for the professionalism of our team in following established procedures in monitoring, detecting and collecting this release. We are conducting an extensive investigation to determine the cause of the release and will continue to examine our systems and procedures.”

The Navy remains committed to environmental stewardship and continues to work closely with federal and state agencies, including the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), to protect human health, the environment and Oahu’s drinking water.

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