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### News Release

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## Navy continues investments, improvements, and upgrades at Red Hill Facility

(JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM) – Today, the Navy provided additional information to Federal and State regulators that further explains earlier plans regarding ongoing significant investments, improvements and upgrades to the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Under the working agreement of the 2015 Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), the Navy and Defense Logistics Agency work with regulators – the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Hawaii State Department of Health’s (DOH) – to ensure continued infrastructure improvements that protect human health and the environment while maintaining safe operations at the Red Hill facility.

In September 2019, the Navy submitted the Tank Upgrade Alternative and Release Detection Decision Document (TUA DD), which details the Navy’s investment in two major programs: upgrades at the current facility to maintain safe operations, and an accelerated program to implement a viable secondary tank containment upgrade.

In October 2020, the EPA and DOH responded to the TUA DD submission, requesting additional information and clarification of the Navy’s plan outlined in the TUA DD. Working closely with the EPA and DOH, the Navy completed a TUA DD Supplemental document to answer the regulators’ questions.

The TUA DD Supplemental combines important information from the original TUA DD and other AOC reports along with new information the Navy obtained over the 19 months from the TUA DD’s initial submission, including work with an engineering industry expert on secondary containment,

“The responsible path forward at Red Hill involves more than a choice of a single wall tank upgrade over a dual wall solution,” said Capt. Gordie Meyer, Commanding Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Hawaii. “It is important to emphasize that the Department of Defense, U.S. Navy, and the Defense Logistics Agency are equally invested in the

simultaneous advancement of these programs, all in line with current Federal and State regulations.”

The Department of Defense (DoD) continues to invest resources to support improvements and upgrades at Red Hill.

“The Red Hill fuel facility is a vital and strategic asset for all our military throughout the Indo-Pacific Region,” said Rear Admiral Timothy Kott, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. “We are investing more than \$750 million to serve the mission of protecting America, the people of Hawaii, and our precious drinking water resource. Successful projects take careful planning and thoughtful engineering to ensure the best outcome.”

The Navy continues to collaborate and share information and plans with the EPA and DOH and other stakeholders to prevent future releases of fuel from the Red Hill Facility, protect the groundwater resource in the vicinity of Red Hill, and safely operate and maintain the facility.

Reports produced by the regulators and the Board of Water Supply substantiate that the Red Hill fuel tanks are not leaking and Oahu’s drinking water resource remains safe.

AOC deliverables and other Red Hill reports can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/red-hill>

Drinking water reports are available online at <https://health.hawaii.gov/sdwb/>.

For more information about the Navy’s Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, please visit: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/redhill>.

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