



RED HILL HIGHLIGHTS

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The mission of Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill (NCTF-RH) is to execute the permanent decommissioning of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) safely and expeditiously, and continue long-term environmental remediation in coordination with State and Federal regulators in order to protect public health and the environment.

Fact Check

- **Safety First:** Out of an abundance of caution following the Red Hill incident, the Navy disconnected the NAHS from the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) drinking water system in December 2021.
- **No Impact:** More than four years of testing verifies that there is no JP-5 jet fuel at the Navy Aiea-Halawa Shaft and therefore there is no evidence that it was impacted by the 2021 Red Hill fuel spill.

NCTF-RH Has Completed Pigging Operations at the Main Storage Tank Facility



Earlier this month, NCTF-RH achieved a major milestone by successfully completing pipeline cleaning in both the Tank Gallery and Harbor Tunnel. Cleaning was accomplished at the main Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (RHBFSF) using an industry-standard maintenance process known as "pigging."

In the pipeline pigging process, crews push or pull foam cylinders through pipes to collect any residual liquid and debris which was not removed during large-scale, gravity-based defueling. Part of the process includes verifying the pipes are clean and gas-free. To date, a total of 2,532 gallons of residual fuel has been removed as part of pipeline cleaning efforts.

By completing pigging operations, the NCTF-RH team has ensured that the pipelines are safe, clean, and ready for physical extraction from the facility. A small portion of pipes in the surge tank gallery remain to be cleaned, a process which will be completed in 2027.

NCTF-RH Participated in the Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

On June 16, NCTF-RH participated in the Honolulu Local Emergency Planning Committee quarterly meeting at the Honolulu Fire Department Charles H. Thurston Fire Training Center.

The briefing focused on plans to reactivate both the Navy Aiea-Halawa and Red Hill Shafts and the environmental roadmap toward restoring resiliency to the JBPHH drinking water system.



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