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Re: Approval of August (II) and select July (III) RHBFSF Repair Quality Validation Reports

Dear CAPT Sullivan,

The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) has completed a review of additional Quality Validation (QV) reports submitted by the Joint Task Force – Red Hill (JTF-RH). EPA reviewed these documents pursuant to the 2023 Consent Order between EPA, the Department of Navy, and the Defense Logistics Agency. With this notice, EPA is issuing approvals for certain QV reports, described herein.

JTF-RH maintains two lists of repairs occurring at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in preparation for Defueling: 1) a *Defueling Consolidated Repair/Enhancement List*, submitted on October 24, 2022 that includes 253 repair/enhancement items, and 2) the *Red Hill Incremental Repair List*, dated July 26, 2023. EPA is approving QV reports from both lists. To aid with clarity, EPA uses “INC#” before incremental repairs to differentiate between repairs that might otherwise be mistaken (e.g., #1 and INC#1 are two different repairs, the former being on the *Defueling Consolidated Repair/Enhancement List* and the latter on the *Red Hill Incremental Repair List*).

From the *Defueling Consolidated Repair/Enhancement List*, EPA is approving the following reports:

- The “August (II)” Reports,” submitted on August 14, 2023, including five repairs: #182-184, 188, and 249.

EPA has now approved all QV reports for repairs on the *Defueling Consolidated Repair/Enhancement List*.

From the *Red Hill Incremental Repair List*, EPA is approving the following reports:

- The “July (III)” Reports,” submitted on July 20, 2023, including twenty-two repairs: INC#2-INC#22 and INC#24.
- The “August (II)” Reports,” submitted on August 14, 2023, including two repairs: INC#28 and INC#30.

EPA has now approved 39 of 44 QV reports for repairs on the *Red Hill Incremental Repair List*. EPA has not yet received QV reports for repairs INC#25, INC#27, INC#29, INC#31, and INC#44. EPA will immediately begin review of these reports upon receipt.

EPA has previously informed JTF-RH that all QV reports—including those from the *Defueling Consolidated Repair/Enhancement List* and from the *Red Hill Incremental Repair List*—must be submitted and approved before Repacking may take place. Please submit the remaining reports as soon as possible to ensure EPA can complete its review. EPA acknowledges an August 7, 2023, request from Brigadier General Link to remove approval of INC#29 and INC#31 as conditions for Repacking. EPA is weighing this request and will respond under a separate cover.

If you have any questions, please contact our staff lead on this matter, Evan Osborne ([osborne.evan@epa.gov](mailto:osborne.evan@epa.gov), 206-553-1747).

Sincerely,

/s/ August 17, 2023

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