

EPA 2023 RED HILL CONSENT ORDER



Community
Representation
Initiative

Facility
Maintenance and
release detection

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Facility Closure

Drinking water
protection

Drinking Water



- Safeguard drinking water quality at the Red Hill Shaft and all Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) well sites.
- Implement a long-term drinking water monitoring plan.
- Conduct comprehensive infrastructure assessments and improvements of the JBPHH Drinking Water System.

Defueling



The Consent Order requires safe and timely defueling of all tanks at the Red Hill Bulk Storage Facility.

Closure



The Consent Order establishes process and steps for safe closure of Red Hill.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the defueling requirements in the 2023 Consent Order?

1. Participate in emergency spill drills and have updated spill response plans in place prior to defueling,
2. Perform necessary repairs and have a third party verify repairs prior to defueling,

The Navy has completed the first two items above. Additional work to be completed:

3. Drain the Red Hill tanks,
4. Defuel flowable tank bottoms,
5. Unpack (remove the fuel from) the Red Hill pipelines, and
6. Relocate the fuel to various locations.

Once EPA and DOH approve the Defueling Preparedness Report, that the Navy must initiate defueling within 15 days. EPA will have staff onsite and on-call for the duration of defueling to provide technical assistance and monitor for any irregularities through the operation.

What are the closure requirements in the 2023 Consent Order?

The Navy and DLA shall submit interim closure reports within 30 days of when one or more of the 20 USTs, pipelines or surge tanks are closed. After the tanks are permanently closed EPA will work with Navy under the 2023 Consent Order or by the 2015 Red Hill Administrative Order on Consent or another EPA-approved enforcement instrument to remediate long term impacts from the facility.

What is the Community Representation Initiative?

EPA's 2023 Consent Order specifies that the CRI shall be for the purposes of: reviewing progress in defueling, closure, and implementation of the drinking water requirements; and facilitating early discussion and continued flow of information among community members and stakeholders, Navy, DLA, EPA, and DOH.

10 CRI members were selected on September 16, 2023. The first meeting between the CRI and government will be October 4, 2023. Materials will be made public after the meeting.

CRI participants have opportunities to provide individual comments on key aspects of the projects' progress, and provide presentations on topics of interest, as requested.

The Navy and DLA must report any spill directly to the Community Representation Initiative and the public via posting on the Navy's website within 24 hours.

EPA and DOH will provide updates on progress under enforcement orders and consider CRI input on key deliverables as part of our review and approval process.

EPA will work with DoD to effectively administer the CRI consistent with requirements in the Consent Order.

Learn more about EPA's Red Hill involvement:

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