

**Joint Meeting Regarding the Administrative Consent Order for Defueling, Closure, and Drinking Water Protection for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Water System among Community Representation Initiative Elected Members and representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Navy, and Defense Logistics Agency**

**December 16, 2025  
5:00pm – 8:00pm**

*mid-meeting break estimated 6:15pm  
public comment opens not later than 7:30pm*

**Attendance Options:**

In-person: Oahu Veterans Center (Sullivan Room), 1298 Kukila St., Honolulu, HI 96818

Online: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Estimated Duration		Not later than
<b>10 minutes</b>	<b>Opening, Introductions, Agenda Review</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>15 minutes</b>	<b>General Operations and Closure Update</b> Updates from U.S. Navy on operational impact resulting from government shutdown and overview on progress of Red Hill closure including tank cleaning and pipeline removal.	<b>5:10 pm</b>
<b>50 minutes</b>	<b>Reopening of the ‘Aiea Halawa Shaft</b> Representatives of the U.S. Navy will provide an update on the status of shaft reactivation.  U.S. EPA and Hawaii Department of Health will address regulatory process for reopening the shaft and current state of groundwater quality  CRI elected members will have 30 minutes to ask questions of Navy representatives and regulators.	5:25 pm  5:35 pm  5:45 pm
<b>15 minutes</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>
<b>50 minutes</b>	<b>Drinking Water System Flushing</b> U.S. EPA will provide summary of what is required of the Navy on flushing and why it was included in the ACO.  Representatives of the U.S. Navy will provide an overview of Joint Base Pearl Harbor Drinking Water System flushing.  CRI elected member will have 30 minutes to ask questions of Navy representatives and regulators.	6:30 pm  6:35 pm  6:50 pm

10 minutes	<b>Final CRI Comments and Updates</b>	<b>7:20 pm</b>
30 minutes	<b>Public Comment</b> The final 30 minutes of this meeting will be reserved for comments from members of the public. Each speaker must sign up to speak (in person or online) and share their name, organization (if applicable), and question or comment.  Speakers with questions or comments that are in-scope will be invited to speak for up to 2 minutes, in order.  Attending members of the CRI, Navy, EPA, or DLA will not provide responses in this meeting, but may share information or responses to relevant questions by or at the next scheduled meeting.	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>

**Questions provided by CRI in advance of the meeting on requested topics:**

TOPIC #1: Reopening of the 'Aiea/Halawa/Notifications

1. Please list specific steps that must be taken *by each* of the following entities before the 'Aiea/Halawa shaft/well can be reopened?
  - a. EPA
  - b. Navy
  - c. DOH
  
2. Dr. Don Thomas, University of Hawai'i stated in his presentation at the 10/1/2025 FTAC meeting that the dye tracer study has to date only found a few ounces of the red dye out of the 20 pounds inserted into the system.
  - a. List/discuss pros/cons to waiting to reopen the 'Aiea/Halawa shaft *until at least a larger percentage* of the red dye has been located since, per Dr. Thomas, the red dye tracer is the "gold standard"
  - b. List/discuss pros/cons to waiting to reopen the 'Aiea/Halawa shaft until spring 2026, when Dr. Don Thomas will have his water model ready.
  - c. While Dr. Don Thomas explained a water model is dynamic in that it can be updated into the future when new information comes up, what is the science behind and defense of a previously mentioned December 31, 2025 goal for reopening the 'Aiea/Halawa shaft/well which seems a bit premature when one considers items a & b above?

3. Has the Navy reworked their hydrological water flow model after the revelation communicated by Dr. Don Thomas that freshwater is flowing underneath cap rock and into the ocean? (Per Dr. Don Thomas, "In the early Navy models they were constrained to groundwater discharge through the Pearl Harbor springs and with the restriction to that location some of their water trajectories were awfully strange.")
4. Dr. Don Thomas stated that one of the red dye hits was located "up gradient" and west of where the dye was inserted into Red Hill. See map attached and yellow upside-down teardrop shape that indicates a hit. Considering we still don't know where the plume is from the latest November 2021 spill, and considering this up gradient and westerly flow of water underground, please have *each entity Navy, EPA and DOH* explain why they are still in favor of reopening of 'Aiea/Halawa shaft when there is a risk of contamination being drawn into the 'Aiea/Halawa shaft?
5. What is the current planned date of the reopening of the 'Aiea/Halawa shaft?
6. Who, specifically at EPA and Navy and DOH are working, whether individually or collaboratively, on the hydrological underground water flow model? If you do not want to give their names, please provide their titles and professional credentials.
7. If, as asked in #6, there are individuals working collaboratively, when will such collaborative hydrological underground water flow model be completed?
8. When will said hydrological underground water flow model described in #6 be provided to the public? How will it be provided to the public?
9. What types of outreach and communication are planned to inform the community of the reopening of the 'Aiea/Halawa shaft/well?
10. What type of outreach and communication are planned to provide a phone number for the community to call to report a concern or incident with the water once the 'Aiea/Halawa shaft/well is reopened?

## TOPIC #2: Drinking Water System Flushing

1. Please list any and all document(s) and page number where the EPA requires the Navy to create and execute a Flushing Plan. (i.e. Appendix A of the ACO Drinking Water Long-Term Monitoring Plan, JBPHH Public Water System #HI0000360 and Aliamanu Military Reservation PWS HI0000334, O'ahu, Hawai'i June 2022, page 17)
2. Please provide a copy of the "a **comprehensive, working hydraulic model**" as called for on page 17 under section 6.5 FLUSHING PLAN, in the Appendix A of the ACO Drinking

Water Long-Term Monitoring Plan, JBPHH Public Water System #HI0000360 and Aliamanu Military Reservation PWS HI0000334, O'ahu, Hawai'i June 2022.

3. Please provide a copy of the "valve inventory and maintenance program" also called for on Page 17 referenced in item 2 above
4. Please provide a copy of the "flushing plan" also called for on Page 17 referenced above.
5. On page 17, FLUSHING PLAN, it also states, "Both the Navy and Army PWS (public water system) previous to the emergency, did not have: 1) an established routine flushing plan 2) a complete inventory of valves in good working order and 3) possessed a complete hydraulic model." When was the Navy and Army PWS, then, last flushed—not including the flushing that occurred after the November 2021 Red Hill disaster?
6. Please list all forms of communication that the Navy and/or EPA and/or DOH will use to inform each community about the FLUSHING PLAN, exactly what agency ordered it, and links to documents such as the Appendix A of the ACO the specify why it is being done and will be done in the future. Please provide this list for each of the following:
  - a. JBPHH military housing
  - b. Elementary schools on the Navy water lines
  - c. Childcare/Child Development Centers on the Navy water lines
  - d. Kapilina Beach Homes residents (also on the Navy water lines)
  - e. Any restaurants, commissaries, and stores on the Navy water lines
7. Please provide any and all current contracts between the Navy and Greystar and/or the management company at Kapilina Beach Homes and any attachments & appendixes and amendments to include the description of legal responsibility of the Navy in regards to its water lines at Kapilina Beach Homes and the infrastructure of the water lines and the legal responsibility of communication with residents of Kapilina Beach Homes regarding any water issues regarding the Navy water lines and Navy PWS.
8. Please provide any guidelines, rules, laws, regulation, protocols from the EPA as to how the Flushing Plan flushing must be conducted.
9. Please provide any guidelines, rules, laws, regulations, protocols from the EPA that pertain to protecting wildlife on land and in the ocean, including coral, that potentially could be impacted by the flushing.
10. Please list, for each flushing zone, where the flushed water will be directed, such as onto lawns, yards, asphalt, Halawa Stream, the ocean, etc.
11. Will any of the flushed water be directed to wastewater facilities?

12. If yes to #11 above, please list per zone the applicable wastewater facility and whether it is capable of treating/filtering out jet fuel and the components of jet fuel and any chemicals that jet fuel breaks down into
13. If a slug of jet fuel/jet fuel components is dislodged during flushing, how can the community be assured it is entirely cleared out of the water system?
14. If a slug of jet fuel/jet fuel components is dislodged during flushing, it is possible for it to end up in a water tank that stores water?
15. Can the flushing of the water system cause uncontrolled washout events and/or disturb the sediment and the bottom of water tanks on the JBPHH water system?