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Rear Admiral Lester Ortiz  
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Subject: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Conditional Approval of *Draft Final Site Characterization Work Plan, Holding Tank-Leach Tank, Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii*, January 2026

Dear Rear Admiral Ortiz:

Thank you for submitting the *Draft Final Site Characterization Work Plan, Holding Tank-Leach Tank, Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Oahu HI* dated January 2026 (Draft Final Work Plan). The report describes the proposed scope of work to further investigate the nature and extent of petroleum contamination impacting the subsurface near a former buried concrete holding tank and a former leach tank. The proposed work is intended to fill data gaps identified during previous phases of the Holding Tank-Leach Tank area investigation, including delineation of chemicals of potential concern in subsurface soil and groundwater, evaluation of impacts to South Halawa Stream, and identification of other subsurface petroleum infrastructure at the Site.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a review of the Draft Final Work Plan and conditionally approves with the following comment:

1. Before starting field work, Navy will update Appendix B lab parameters that were listed as to be determined and submit it to EPA for review.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at russi.tonya@epa.gov or (415) 972-3706.

Sincerely,

/s/

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