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**SUBJECT: Amendment of the Hawaii Department of Health Public Health
Advisory No. 21-165 related to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Public Water System (PWS No. 360) Flushing Zone A1**

This memo serves as official notification that the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) Safe Drinking Water Branch and Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office have reviewed the data provided by the Interagency Drinking Water System Team (IDWST) and have determined that the drinking water quality and system infrastructure satisfies all lines of evidence for amending the public health advisory dated November 29, 2021 (see enclosure).

At this time, the water is determined to be safe for drinking in Flushing Zone A1; and all Navy water system users within this zone may now use their water for all purposes including drinking, cooking, and oral hygiene. This includes consumption by pets.

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The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Water System (PWS No. 360) is subject to all applicable requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act, in addition to the commitments made within the IDWST for Long Term Monitoring. If new information becomes available that indicates contaminants are present in the drinking water that poses a threat to public health, additional investigations may be required or conducted.

Enclosures:

1. DOH Checklist to Amend the Public Health Advisory in Flushing Zone A1
2. Toxicology Review of Drinking Water Sampling Data for Flushing Zone A1 from Diana Felton, M.D., State Toxicologist, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office

c: IDWST (w/encls.) [via IDWST@IDWST.onmicrosoft.com only]

DOH Checklist to Amend the Public Health Advisory in Flushing Zone A1



Zone A1 Checklist to Amend the Public Health Advisory initiated November 29, 2021 for Joint Base Pearl Harbor -Hickam Public Water System No. 360 HEER Incident Case No.: 20211128-1848

Purpose: This checklist identifies the documentation and review that the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) conducted to **amend** the Public Health Advisory (Advisory) in each Zone under the *DOH's Guidance on the Approach to Amending the Drinking Water Health Advisory, dated December 30, 2021*. This review was conducted as an oversight role in addition to the review conducted as a part of the Interagency Drinking Water System Team (IDWST).

DOH's priority is to protect the public health and environment of the people of Hawaii. DOH will evaluate the "lines of evidence" that must be met before amending the health advisory and issuing notices that the water can be used for all purposes including drinking. The Navy must also commit to following the long-term monitoring (LTM) of system water quality for this incident under the IDWST Drinking Water Sampling Plan, as amended.

Background: A chemical release of petroleum, which is a hazardous substance, entered the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) drinking water distribution system and the Red Hill Shaft. This release triggered an

emergency response and DOH issuance of an Advisory on November 29, 2021 for the entire JBPHH Public Water System No. 360. State and Federal Drinking Water (DW) Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) under the Safe Drinking Water Act do not adequately address petroleum contamination of drinking water. DOH has established Environmental Action Levels (EALs) and Incident Specific Parameters (ISPs) to more comprehensively monitor and respond to petroleum contaminated drinking water. Any contaminants that exceed the State and Federal DW MCLs, EALs, or ISPs require additional action prior to amending the Advisory. Satisfaction of the lines of evidence will be achieved by evaluating the data generated during the investigation conducted by the IDWST. The data will be assessed for each Zone of the Drinking Water Distribution System Recovery Plan. All lines of evidence will require documentation.

DOH Project Screening Levels: State and Federal Drinking Water MCLs, specified State EALs, and ISPs are considered in development of Project Screening Levels. The actions for the thresholds for each contaminant are listed in *DOH's Guidance on the Approach to Amending the Drinking Water Health Advisory*.

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Objective 0 - Introduction to Lines of Evidence Under Evaluation / Document Summary

Reference	Status	Documentation
Tab 0	Complete	DOH Checklist to Amend the Drinking Water Health Advisory
Tab 0.1	Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Follow Up is a requirement for a hazardous substance release that explains what happened and what was done. Zone A1 Removal Action Report Summary, dated February 11, 2022. Signed statement by the Owner/Operator Representative of the Water System, that asserts that all lines of evidence have been met, including the following statement with a signature: "I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and believe the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete."

Objective 1a – Line of Evidence: Reported sources of contamination are isolated and contained.

Incident Specific Criteria - Contamination from **Red Hill Shaft** is isolated from Navy's water distribution system.

Reference	Status	Documentation
Tab 1a.0	Complete	Executive Summary Memo, dated February 19, 2022.
Tab 1a.1	Complete	Memo for Record documenting that the Red Hill Shaft has been physically disconnected from the NAVFAC system, dated 04 January 2022.
Tab 1a.2	Complete	Memo for Record showing SCADA data that Waiawa Shaft is the single source of water for the NAVFAC system since 03 December 2021, dated February 10, 2022.
Tab 1a.3	Complete	Photograph of concrete blocking between air gapped isolation flanges.

Objective 1b – Line of Evidence: The regulated public water system's water quality data is compliant.

Incident Specific Criteria - Data does not exceed Federal DW MCLs, specified State EALs, and ISPs for **Waiawa Shaft (only source of the drinking water)**.

Reference	Status	Documentation
Tab 1b.0	Complete	Executive Summary Memo, dated February 19, 2022.

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Objective 1b – Line of Evidence: The regulated public water system’s water quality data is compliant.

Incident Specific Criteria - Data does not exceed Federal DW MCLs, specified State EALs, and ISPs for **Waiawa Shaft (only source of the drinking water)**.

Reference	Status	Documentation
Tab 1b.1	Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample Results for Waiawa Shaft (the source) taken 1/13/2022 Level 4 Validated Laboratory Report for EPA Methods 8260 (VOCs), 8270 (SVOCs), 8015 (TPH-G, TPH-D, TPH-O) plus Tentatively Identified Compounds (TICs) • Level 4 Validated Laboratory Report for EPA Methods 8260 (VOCs), 8270 (SVOCs), 8015 (TPH-G, TPH-D, TPH-O) plus Tentatively Identified Compounds (TICs) • Sample Results of Waiawa Shaft Entry Point (after treatment) taken 1/11/2022 Level 4 Validated Laboratory Report for Sampling Plan Addendum 1, Table 3a: Distribution Sampling (Step 2b) Summary Drinking Water Analytical Methods, Analytes, Action Levels, and Method Detection Limits • Level 4 Validated Laboratory Report for Sampling Plan Addendum 1, Table 3a: Distribution Sampling (Step 2b) Summary Drinking Water Analytical Methods, Analytes, Action Levels, and Method Detection Limits

Objective 1c – Line of Evidence: No additional contamination through the distribution system is occurring.

Incident Specific Criteria - Cross Connection Control investigation shows distribution system is protected, resulting in no additional sources of contamination.

Reference	Status	Documentation
Tab 1c.0	Complete	Executive Summary Memo, dated February 19, 2022.
Tab 1c.1	Complete	<p>Certification form verifying that building and service connections with petroleum activities are protected from backflow risks with the following documentation (dated February 18, 2022):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A “gap analysis” of the petroleum related activities versus appropriate device inventory (i.e., inappropriate device, missing Cross-Connection Control protection, untested device, etc.). • A map that includes: All facilities with petroleum activities; locations of existing backflow prevention devices; and Water system infrastructure. • An inventory database: A list of petroleum-related activities and identified appropriate cross connection control (CCC) devices at these activities, as required, i.e., if there was human consumptive use and where cross connection potential or hazard was identified.
Tab 1c.2	Complete	COMNAVREG HAWAII INSTRUCTION 11330.2D, dated 19 Sep 2016, Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Program

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Objective 2a – Line of Evidence: Water within the distribution system does not exceed State and Federal DW MCLs, specified State EALs, and ISPs.

Incident Specific Criteria –

- Zone flushing plan demonstrates entire distribution system is flushed.
- Sample results show the water in distribution system does not exceed State and Federal DW MCLs, specified State EALs, and ISPs. (Guidance Table 2 and Table 3)
- Drinking water does not show sheen, olfactory evidence, or other qualitative methods of petroleum.

Reference	Status	Documentation
Tab 2a.0	Complete	Executive Summary Memo, dated February 19, 2022.
Tab 2a.1	Complete	Memorandum of record of the System Flushing Design for A1 which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydraulic model that exhibits and flushing line map(s) and plan to show that the flushing approach will achieve directional flushing. • A one-page high resolution zonal flushing map should be provided. • Narrative of assumptions in the development of their flushing model inclusive of any simulations that they ran.
Tab 2a.2	Complete	Summary with documentation from Dr. Whelton discussing flushing goals providing validity of volumetric exchange model, dated February 15, 2022.
Tab 2a.3	Complete	Identification of consecutive flushing zones and flushing phasing order. Time based contaminant slug model showing possible migration of contaminant from Red Hill Shaft used to identify zones requiring additional volumetric flushing (Hydraulic Model)
Tab 2a.4	Complete	Table showing volumetric goals and recorded flushing volumes that occurred in the field for the distribution system.
Tab 2a.5	Complete	Certification of Water Storage Facilities and Water Source for Zone A1, dated February 15, 2022, with Water Storage Tanks S1 and S2 Flushing Report, dated February 11, 2022.
Tab 2a.6	Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution System Exceedance Investigation Summary and Results, dated February 18, 2022. • Drinking Water Distribution System Recovery Plan: Stage 2 Sampling Results for Zone A1, JBPHH, dated 22 January 2022.

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Objective 2b – Line of Evidence: Water in premise plumbing of homes/buildings meets State and Federal DW MCLs, specified State EALs, and ISPs.

Incident Specific Criteria –

- Flushing Plan includes procedures to ensure no service connections will re-contaminate the distribution system.
- Sample Plan includes 72-hour stagnation to account for leaching of contaminants from premise plumbing.
- Sample results show water in premise plumbing of homes/buildings does not exceed State and Federal DW MCLs, specified State EALs, and ISPs.

Reference	Status	Documentation
Tab 2b.0	Complete	Executive Summary Memo, dated February 19, 2022.
Tab 2b.1	Complete	Records of Completed Residential and Non-Residential Flushing Zone A1, dated 14 February 2022, with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDMS Residential Flushing Records Zone A1 • EDMS Non-Residential Flushing Records Zone A1 • NAVFAC SCADA Data Zone A1 28 Dec 2021 to 03 Jan 2022 (for the Distribution System pressure logs during flushing and confirmation that the 30 psi within the distribution system was maintained).
Tab 2b.2	Complete	Sample Results, Level 2 and Level 4 Validated as required by Sampling Plan Section 6.0, report from EDMS, dated February 15, 2022.
Tab 2b.3	Complete	Exceedance Investigation Summary and Results Zone A1, dated February 15, 2022.
Tab 2b.4	Complete	Memorandum for Record showing that irrigation flushing is complete, dated February 10, 2022.
Tab 2b.5	Complete	DOH Guidance for Active Irrigation Line Purging and Flushing



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diana Felton", is written over the printed name of the sender.

Subject: Toxicology Review of Drinking Water Sampling Data for Flushing Zone A1 of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Water System (PWS No. 360)

This memo confirms that I have reviewed the drinking water sampling data for Flushing Zone A1 of the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Water System. All data available as of today's date has been reviewed including data from samples taken by the Navy and by the Department of Health of the distribution system and of residences and buildings.

Data has been reviewed and compared to the Department of Health's Screening Levels for this clean-up as well as other national health-based standards. Based on this data, there is no evidence of significant health risks expected with consumption of the drinking water in this zone.

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