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Dear RDML Barnett:

SUBJECT: Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility May 2021 Tunnel Cleanup Report

In a meeting on April 13, 2023, the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) learned from the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) that a report was prepared following the May 6, 2021 fuel spill at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, detailing cleanup efforts in the Lower Access Tunnel, including the use of Simple Green. This information conflicts with our current understanding, based on prior meetings with the Navy, that Simple Green was not used to clean the May 2021 spill. As we were previously unaware of this information and of the cleanup report, the DOH requests a copy of the report.

In addition, if not already provided in the aforementioned report, please provide the following information. Alternatively, provide documents (or links to documents) that contain this information as currently understood by the Navy:

1. Condition of the tunnel floors and walls immediately following the May 2021 and November 2021 fuel releases and November 2022 Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) release, including photos and to-scale maps that depict the extent of contamination that required cleaning (extent of fuel or AFFF on floor, staining, vapors, etc.);
2. Methods used to clean the tunnels after the releases, including:
 - a. Contractors;
 - b. Duration;
 - c. Specific type(s) and approximate amount(s) of cleaning agents used;
 - d. Safety Data Sheets for all cleaning agents used;

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- e. Source and approximate volume of water used;
 - f. Final disposition of the water and cleaning agents and materials;
3. Copies of cleanup reports prepared by Navy staff and contractors.

Please submit the information requested in this letter no later than fourteen calendar days from the letter date.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (808) 586-4226 or kellyann.lee@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



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- c: Mr. Grant Scavello, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [via email only]