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Dear Vice Admiral Wade:

SUBJECT: Third August JTF-RH Quality Validation Reports

The Hawaii'i Department of Health (DOH) acknowledges receipt on August 21, 2023, of the Joint Task Force – Red Hill's (JTF-RH's) quality validation (QV) reports for 3 repairs (Repair Nos. INC 025, INC 027, and INC 044) and revised QV report for Repair No. INC 026. The QV cover letter lists Repair No. INC 030 instead of INC 044, which we assume was a typo. Additionally, the letter is titled "Third August 2023 Submission," although we did not receive a "Second August" submission. On August 22, 2023, the DOH also received revisions to the QV report for Repair No. INC 044 regarding weld 10; and on August 23, 2023, the DOH received clarification on Repair No. INC 027 that spill containment is currently located under the low point drain (LPD) at Zone 3 of the aqueous film forming foam retention line, and that the threaded LPD has been tightened and no longer weeps.

The DOH understands that the only revision made to QV Report No. INC 026 was the Repair No. label, as it was originally labelled as Repair No. 026.

Based on the information submitted and the Quality Validation Engineer's certification on the completion of repairs, the DOH conditionally approves the submissions, provided that:

1. There are no additional changes (identified by the JTF-RH or DOH) to the Consolidated List of Repairs for Safe Defueling, received on October 24, 2022, or the Incremental Repair List that will affect the portion of the infrastructure for which this conditional approval applies.

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2. Future or on-going testing or assessment performed on the infrastructure does not produce failed results or the determination of additional needed repairs.

Based on the JTF-RH's August 7, 2023 letter, we understand that the remaining QV reports, associated with Repair Nos. INC 29 and INC 31, may not be completed before repacking, but will be completed before defueling. Therefore, the DOH does not anticipate another conditional approval for QV reports prior to repacking. Being that some of the QV reports and our conditional approvals specified implementation of spill mitigation measures, instead of working to address these conditions separately, we intend to consolidate our outstanding conditions into our anticipated approval for repacking, which will also tie in reviews related to spill mitigation and operations. This letter will be forthcoming.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Kelly Ann Lee, Red Hill Project Coordinator, at (808) 586-4226 or kellyann.lee@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

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