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Dear Vice Admiral Wade:

SUBJECT: Conditional Approval of Pipeline Unpacking

The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) received the following documents from the Joint Task Force – Red Hill (JTF-RH) related to pipeline unpacking:

1. *Red Hill Pipeline Final Unpacking* [for concept of operations (CONOP)], received October 25, 2023
2. *JTF-RH's Response to DOH Comments on the Final Unpacking CONOP*, received November 7, 2023
3. *Facility Response Plan Addendum, Final Unpacking*, received November 7, 2023
4. *Defueling OPORD [operation orders] Final Unpacking – F24 Pipeline to Tank 301, Revision 1, Updated: 29 Nov 23*, received November 30, 2023
5. *Defueling OPORD Final Unpacking – JP5 Pipeline to Tank 301, Revision 1, Updated: 29 Nov 23*, received November 30, 2023
6. *Defueling OPORD Final Unpacking – F76 Pipeline to Tank 301, Revision 1, Updated: 29 Nov 23*, received November 30, 2023
7. *JTF-RH Response to DOH Comments on Pipeline Unpacking OPORDs*, received November 30, 2023

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Based on these submissions, the DOH conditionally approves the proposed operations with the following conditions.

1. If any findings from continued monitoring of the underground storage tank system require attention or warrant concern for unpacking, the JTF-RH shall notify the DOH immediately and investigate and resolve the findings before proceeding or continuing with unpacking.
2. The JTF-RH must maintain spill mitigation measures for unpacking as planned and observed by the DOH on November 30, 2023, throughout the unpacking operation.
3. The JTF-RH must also check the temporary hoses for leaks during fuel evolutions.
4. Recognizing the schedule is subject to change, the JTF-RH must provide daily updates to the DOH during pipeline unpacking.
5. The DOH must be permitted to observe pipeline unpacking. Please continue to accommodate our staff.

If 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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