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Medical Advisory: Navy Water System Contamination DOH-ATSDR Health Survey

Dear Healthcare Providers:

The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) are conducting a survey to learn more about the experience of people who have been affected by the petroleum contamination in the U.S. Navy's Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water system. Survey questions cover water use, health symptoms, medical care sought as well as impacts on children and pets.

The Department of Health urges providers to encourage patients served by the Navy water system to fill out the survey.

This survey is part of the effort to better understand the overall impacts of the water contamination on the people of Hawaii. Initial results from the approximately 1,000 responses to date indicate many participants experienced one or more health symptom, including headache, dry itchy skin, diarrhea, fatigue, dizziness, anxiety, rash, nausea, eye irritation, and skin irritation.

In addition, syndromic surveillance performed by DOH and CDC/ATSDR using data from 3 Oahu Emergency Departments shows 162 emergency department visits after November 20, 2021 that mention rash and water contamination in either the chief complaint or triage notes. We have also seen a large number of related cases exhibiting symptoms such as dizziness, headache, eye pain, sore throat and nausea/vomiting/diarrhea paired with water contamination.

People who live, work, visit or attend school/daycare in the affected areas may participate. Broad participation will help ensure the resulting information accurately reflects the range of people's health concerns.

People can participate online at <https://go.usa.gov/xtg8v> or by contacting the CDC/ATSDR team at 404-567-3256 or by email ATSDRACE@cdc.gov. The survey is open until February 7, 2022. Results will be summarized in a publicly available report.

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More information about the health survey can be found in the attached [DOH ATSDR Health Assessment Fact Sheet](#).

If you have questions about the Navy water system contamination or the health survey, please contact me at diana.felton@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Felton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Attachment



Navy Water System Contamination Health Survey



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People Served By The Navy Water System Can Participate

Civilians and DOD-affiliated individuals who have been in areas served by the Navy water system since November 20, 2021 can participate in the survey. People who work, but do not live, in the area may participate. Parents and guardians may complete the survey for children who attend schools or early care facilities served by the Navy water system.

Questions Will Cover Water Use, Health Symptoms, And More

The survey asks questions about ways you used the contaminated water, any health symptoms you have experienced, and medical care you have sought. There will also be questions about the impacts on children and pets, and your medical history. Your identity will be kept confidential.

You May Be Visited By An In-Person Team

The survey team may visit various housing areas on the Navy water system. They will be wearing CDC vests and carry U.S. Department of Health and Human Services identification.

The Information Will Help Officials Better Respond To This And Future Incidents

The information the team collects will help DOH better understand the impacts of this contamination event and determine what steps are needed to protect the health of people who were exposed. It will also help DOH prepare for future incidents. Results will be summarized in a publicly available report.

How to Participate

Scan the QR code

Online: go.usa.gov/xtg8v

Phone: 404-567-3256

Email: ATSDRACE@cdc.gov

Survey will be available online until February 7, 2022



For more information, visit health.hawaii.gov/NavyWater