

Clarification: Please use below updated quote from Deputy Director Ho:

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DOH releases Red Hill defueling plan, command investigation

HONOLULU – The Hawai‘i Department of Health received copies of the Navy’s plan to defuel the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, and the Navy’s internal investigation into the May and November 2021 Red Hill fuel leaks. The defueling plan was submitted in accordance with DOH’s emergency order.

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DOH staff are reviewing both documents and will provide further comment after review.

[Click here to read the Navy’s Red Hill defueling plan.](#)

[Click here to read the Navy’s command investigation.](#)

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