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December 3, 2021

Ms. Elizabeth Galvez
State On-Scene Coordinator
Office of Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response
2385 Waimano Home Road #100
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

Dear Ms. Galvez:

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTEREST IN A RELEASE OR THREATENED RELEASE OF
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE
FACILITY, DOH HEER RELEASE INCIDENT CASE NO. 20211120-2330**

The U.S. Navy (Navy) acknowledges receipt of DOH letter 2021-140 LG of November 24, 2021, in which the Department of Health (DOH) expressed interest in the release or threatened release of hazardous substance (Case number 20211120-2330) at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. A countersigned copy of the DOH letter is being submitted as an enclosure.

The Navy has been in constant communication with DOH Office of Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response, Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch, and Safe Drinking Water Branch since the release of a fuel and water mix was first identified on November 20, 2021.

The Navy is investigating the duration, cause, and nature of the release and, at this time, is unable to respond to the specific concerns in paragraph one of the DOH November 24, 2021 letter. Preliminary information indicates the release was approximately 14,000 gallons of a water and fuel mix, which was contained in the lower tunnel, recovered, and transferred to an aboveground storage tank.

The Navy would like to again reiterate its commitment to protecting public health, the environment, and the nation. We look forward to working with DOH and sharing information/data in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

SHERRI R. ENG
Director
Regional Environmental Department
By direction of the Commander

Enclosure: Countersigned DOH Notice of Interest Letter 2021-140 LG to Rear Admiral Kott from Ms. Kathleen Ho dated November 24, 2021,

Hard Copy to: Mr. John Floyd, NAVSUP FLC Pearl Harbor

Electronic Copy to (sent via email) to:

Ms. Gabriela Carvalho, U.S. EPA Region 9, Red Hill Coordinator

Mr. John Reed, DLA Energy Pacific

