



Oversight of Red Hill Defueling and Closure

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EPA's Defuel and Closure Roles and Actions

Roles:

- Mission to protect human health and the environment
- Regulatory Program Oversight:
 - Oil Pollution Prevention Program: Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure and Facility Response Plan
 - Underground Storage Tanks Program

Actions:

- Document Review by Technical Expert Team
- On-Site Monitoring, Inspections, Oversight
- Emphasis on Public Engagement

Document Review by Technical Expert Team

EPA staff and contractor technical expert team engaged to review Navy documents to evaluate Navy's compliance with applicable EPA program requirements and alignment with best engineering practices.

Plans and documents reviewed include:

- Third-Party Assessment for Defueling (SGH)
- Defueling Plan
- Unpacking Plan
- Expanded Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan
- Expanded Facility Response Plan
- Consolidated Repair List (*Ongoing*)
- Third-Party Quality Validation (of facility repairs) Plan (*Ongoing*)
- Closure Plan (*Ongoing*)

On-Site Monitoring, Inspections, Oversight

- Compliance Inspections:
 - Underground Storage Tank Program (Feb-Mar 2022)
 - Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Program (Feb-Mar 2022)
 - Facility Response Plan (Feb-Mar 2022)
 - Drinking Water Program (Apr 2022)
- Unpacking Spill Response Exercise Oversight (Sep 2022)
- Pipeline Unpacking Oversight (Oct-Nov 2022)
- On-Site Spill Prevention and Response Training (Oct 2022)

Emphasis on Improving Public Engagement

EPA is committed to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people. Every person should have the same degree of protection from environmental hazards and equal access to the decision-making processes that impact their community.

EPA urged Navy to improve community engagement during defueling and unpacking

EPA hired a new Environmental Justice Community Engagement Coordinator for Red Hill. Coordinator will:

- Develop a community engagement strategy and solicit input on best approaches for community engagement
- Develop opportunities (meetings and webinars) to inform the public about active work