

# Red Hill Registry

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# UH NEWS

## Press Release June 20, 2024

# UH awarded grant to establish Red Hill Independent Health Registry



### News release headline:

**UH awarded grant to establish Red Hill Independent Health Registry**

### UH News story headline:

**Red Hill health registry to support individuals exposed to fuel**

The University of Hawai'i is creating a health registry to provide support and resources for anyone directly impacted by the Red Hill water crisis. The Red Hill Independent Health Registry (Red Hill Registry) is a UH Office of Strategic Health Initiatives project funded by a five-year, \$27.2-million federal grant.

"The Red Hill Registry will be a tremendous step forward in serving the tens of thousands of individuals who were exposed or placed at risk of exposure to fuel releases from the Red Hill storage facility," said UH President David Lassner. "The selection of UH to lead this major initiative is a testament to our expertise across multiple disciplines, our scientific independence, and our proven, widely understood ability to execute large complex programs that serve the people of Hawai'i."

The opt-in, third-party registry will be co-developed with the community to provide connections to services and educational programs, while tracking participants' health status and gathering information on how fuel exposures may impact health. In its first year, the project will also include a Congressionally mandated feasibility assessment for an epidemiological outcomes study to further advance the understanding of the long-term health effects related to the Red Hill fuel spill.

### Stay informed

In the coming months, the registry team will host community listening sessions and establish a community oversight working group to ensure that community voices are included at every step of the process. To support these efforts, the team will also seek to hire local community members, including individuals directly affected by the crisis, to support outreach, enrollment and referral services. A formal online registration portal for the registry is anticipated to launch in fall 2025. For now, individuals who are interested in receiving updates on the registry's development and community engagement efforts are encouraged to [sign up at this website](#).

"The health and social-emotional implications of the Red Hill water crisis on individuals and families, in addition to the environmental impacts, are critically important," said Aimee Grace, principal investigator and director of the UH Office of Strategic Health Initiatives. "We see this registry as providing an important opportunity for individuals and families to share their stories and be linked to services, and be able to monitor their health over time."

Funding was provided through the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The registry was recommended and will be supported by the Hawai'i State Department of Health, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Defense Health Agency. Participating units across UH include the [Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health](#), [John A. Burns School of Medicine](#), [Water Resources Research Center](#) and [University Health Partners of Hawai'i](#).

# Goals of Red Hill Registry

- Connect the community to needed services through a referral program
  - Health care, social services, housing referrals
- Provide educational programs for healthcare providers and community members
- Track participants' health status over time and gather information on how fuel exposures may impact health





# Year One: Planning Year

- **Registry Infrastructure:** Hiring, website, and IT setup
- **Community Engagement:** Co-create the Registry w/community
- **Congressional Report:** FY 2024 NDAA requirement to assess the feasibility and necessity of an epidemiological health outcomes study



# Registry Infrastructure





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# UH Registry Team



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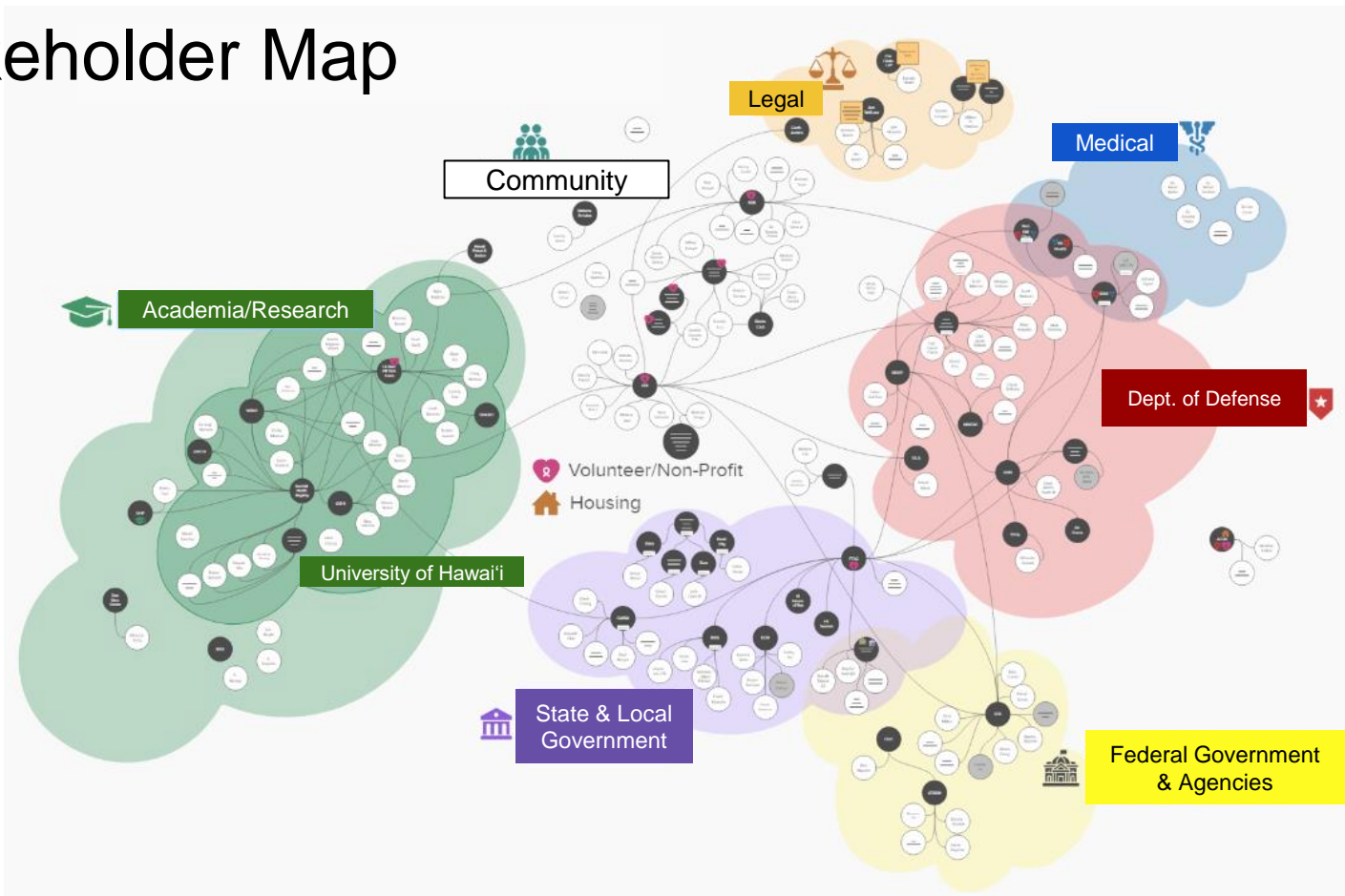


# Community Engagement



# Red Hill Stakeholder Map

Building relationships within the Red Hill community that will solidify a foundation for the Registry





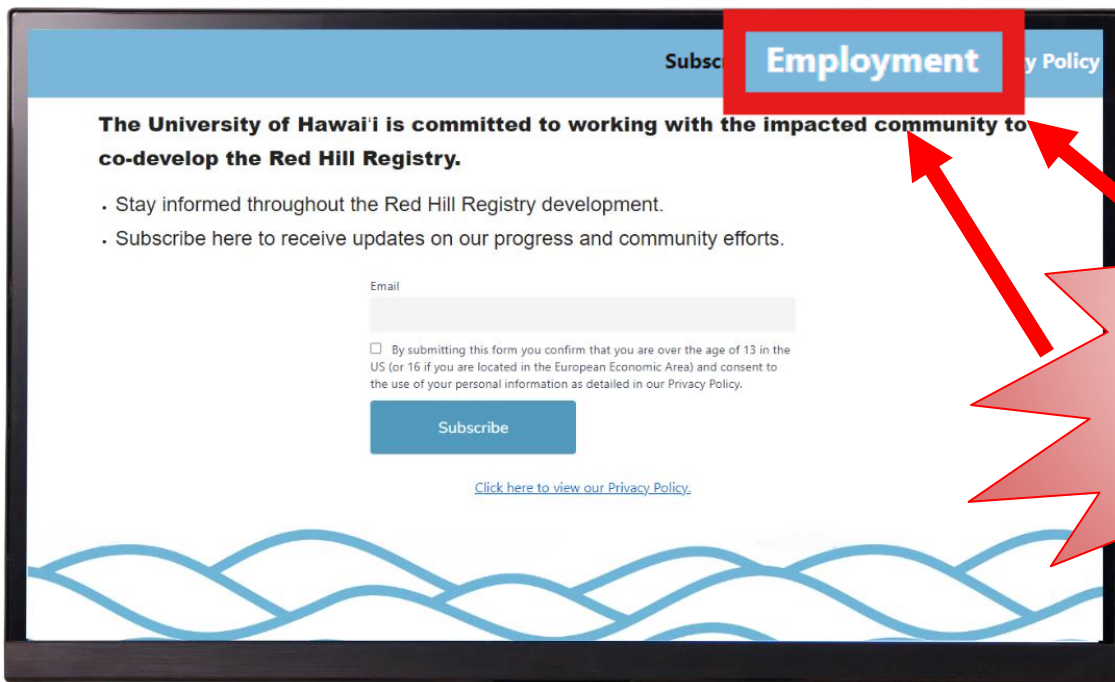


# Community Engagement

- Hosting listening sessions to gain insight from
  - Impacted water users (with military affiliation & civilian)
  - Health care professionals
  - Community leaders with various kinds of expertise in the Red Hill infrastructure and water crisis
- Establishing Community Oversight Workshops
- Preparing Educational and Outreach programs



# Website: <https://www.redhillregistry.org>





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# Thank you!

**On behalf of the Red Hill Registry,  
We want to acknowledge the Red Hill  
Community and People of Hawai'i who  
recognized a problem and fought for answers!!**



**Questions? Comments?**

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