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Dear Rear Admiral Collins:

SUBJECT: DOH Approval of *Draft Final Site Characterization Work Plan, Holding Tank-Leach Tank, Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility*, dated January 2026

On January 30, 2026, the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) received the Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill's (NCTF-RH's) *Draft Final Site Characterization Work Plan, Holding Tank-Leach Tank, Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility* ("HT-LT Work Plan"), dated January 2026, and responses to our comments on the previous version of the HT-LT Work Plan.

The HT-LT Work Plan outlines the NCTF-RH's procedures to determine the magnitude and extent of releases from the underground storage tank system in the holding tank-leach tank area. The DOH's 2022 Emergency Order requires the Navy to "continue to characterize the release(s) and develop strategies for remediation of impacted groundwater in accordance with 11-280.1, HAR [Hawai'i Administrative Rules]."

The DOH has reviewed the subject document and responses to our comments. Most of our comments have either been adequately addressed or acknowledged. Therefore, we are providing approval for the NCTF-RH to implement the HT-LT Work Plan. We look forward to receiving the next deliverable, which will be a draft site characterization report.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at kellyann.lee@doh.hawaii.gov or (808) 586-4226.

Sincerely,

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