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Dear Rear Admiral Collins:

SUBJECT: DOH Response to *Groundwater Sampling Frequency Reduction Request for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam Hawaii*

On March 4, 2026, the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) received the subject letter from the Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill (NCTF-RH), enclosed with *Groundwater Sampling Frequency Recommendations*, dated March 6, 2026. The letter requests to reduce all groundwater sampling currently conducted in accordance with the April 2024 *Consolidation and Optimization of the Groundwater Sampling Programs*,¹ based on the lines of evidence in the *Groundwater Sampling Frequency Recommendations* enclosure. However, the March 4, 2026 submission contained an incomplete version of the *Groundwater Sampling Frequency Recommendations*. The DOH later received a complete version of this document on March 11, 2026.

The subject letter proposes to implement the requested changes starting on April 1, 2026. Due to the delay in submitting the complete *Groundwater Sampling Frequency Recommendations* and the severe statewide flooding that immediately followed, the DOH requires more time to review this submission and is unable to approve the requested changes at this time. Therefore, the NCTF-RH is required to continue groundwater sampling in accordance with the April 2024 *Consolidation and Optimization of the Groundwater Sampling Programs* until further notice.

¹ <https://health.hawaii.gov/about/files/2024/04/DOH-Response-to-Navy-Request-to-Reduce-RHS-Pumping-v2-part-1.pdf>

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

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