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Dear Rear Admiral Collins:

**SUBJECT: DOH Approval of Request for Reduction in Soil Vapor Monitoring and Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid Gauging Frequency, received on December 16, 2025**

The Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) reviewed the subject letter from the Navy Closure Task Force – Red Hill and its enclosure entitled *Soil Vapor Monitoring and Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid Gauging Reduction Justification, Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility* (“Request for Reduction”), dated December 2025.<sup>1</sup> The Request for Reduction recommends reducing monitoring and gauging in Adit 3 and Pearl Harbor tunnels. It recommends reducing soil vapor (SV) monitoring from weekly to monthly and eliminating SV monitoring in response to significant rain events. It also recommends reducing Light Nonaqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) gauging from weekly to monthly.

The analysis presented in the Request for Reduction concludes that SV monitoring shows temporal stability and decline in Volatile Organic Compounds, as well as a continued decrease in LNAPL. Based on these factors, it determines that a reduced frequency of LNAPL gauging will still provide sufficient resolution to detect meaningful changes. After reviewing these findings according to the analysis provided in the Request for Reduction, the DOH approves the recommended reductions in SV monitoring and LNAPL gauging in Adit 3 and Pearl Harbor tunnels.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [KellyAnn.Lee@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:KellyAnn.Lee@doh.hawaii.gov) or (808) 586-4226.

<sup>1</sup> <https://health.hawaii.gov/ust/files/2026/03/2026-02-05-REDACTED-Enclosure-1-SVM-and-LNAPL-Gauging-Justification.pdf>

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