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FACT CHECK: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water continues to meet all state and federal safe drinking water standards.

Vice CNO Visits Red Hill, Receives Operational Update

Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill leaders and subject matter experts provided closure operational updates to Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. James Kilby during a site visit at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Jan. 20.

"The Navy is steadfast in its commitment to closing the Red Hill facility safely," said Kilby. "This effort reflects the ongoing work of our Navy team, and we remain focused on carrying it out responsibly."

Kilby's last visit to Red Hill was in October 2024 at the start of tank cleaning operations. Since then, eight of the bulk underground storage tanks have started the cleaning process, and NCTF-RH has removed more than 4,300 gallons of residual fuel and 390 gallons of sludge from the facility. The team will also start removing more than 10 miles of pipeline material in the near future.





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NCTF-RH to Begin Degassing Tank 15 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

NCTF-RH will begin degassing Tank 15 at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility this month, marking another significant milestone in the facility's decommissioning process.

With approval from the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH), NCTF-RH will conduct the safe and deliberate degassing of tank 15. This tank is the ninth of 14 slated to undergo this critical initial step in preparing a tank for cleaning and decommissioning. Six of the facility's 20 tanks were empty and not in service before defueling began. Air quality monitoring (AQM) data will continue to be updated on the NCTF-RH app and website during the degassing phase.

Further information on the decommissioning process, including tank cleaning procedures and pipeline removal, is available on the NCTF-RH website: www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil.



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