

# EPA 2023 RED HILL CONSENT ORDER



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protection

## Drinking Water



- Safeguard drinking water quality at the Red Hill Shaft and all Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) well sites.
- Implement a long-term drinking water monitoring plan.
- Conduct comprehensive infrastructure assessments and improvements of the JBPHH Drinking Water System.

## Defueling



The Consent Order requires safe and timely defueling of all tanks at the Red Hill Bulk Storage Facility.

## Closure



The Consent Order establishes process and steps for safe closure of Red Hill.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### When does the 2023 Consent Order take effect, and what does it do?

The 2023 Consent Order is effective. The Order creates a detailed roadmap for the work the Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) must complete to safely defuel and close the Red Hill facility and ensure protection of drinking water.

### What are the defueling requirements in the 2023 Consent Order?

Pursuant to Defueling Plan Supplement 2, the Navy and DLA will follow an EPA approved defueling schedule to:

1. Participate in emergency spill drills and have updated spill response plans in place prior to defueling,
2. Perform necessary repairs and have a third party verify repairs prior to defueling,
3. Drain the Red Hill tanks,
4. Defuel flowable tank bottoms,
5. Unpack (remove the fuel from) the Red Hill pipelines, and
6. Relocate the fuel to various locations.

Another defueling plan supplement will be required to require removal of any residual fuel remaining in the system.

### What are the closure requirements in the 2023 Consent Order?

The 2023 Consent Order identifies two phases for closure. For Phase 1 Closure, Navy and DLA shall submit interim closure reports within 30 days of when one or more of the 20 USTs, pipelines or surge tanks are closed. Phase 2 Closure may be addressed under the 2023 Consent Order or by the 2015 Red Hill Administrative Order on Consent or another EPA-approved enforcement instrument.

### What major changes occurred in the 2023 Consent Order after the public comment period?

We evaluated all 1700 public comments. The Response to Comments can be found at: [www.epa.gov/red-hill/red-hill-2023-consent-order](http://www.epa.gov/red-hill/red-hill-2023-consent-order)

- Requirements to meet the defueling deadlines and milestones in Defueling Plan Supplement 2.
- Formation of a Community Representation Initiative.
- Enhanced public involvement in decisions relating to defueling and closure of the Red Hill Tanks and impacts to drinking water.
- A commitment to seek additional input from subject matter experts including the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.
- Acknowledgment of the cultural significance of water to Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i residents and a commitment to seek local input into the decision-making process.
- Additional spill reporting requirements to ensure Navy and DLA report any spill that may present an immediate threat to human health or the environment to the Community Representation Initiative and the public via posting on the Navy's website within 24 hours.

### How can I learn more about what's going on?

EPA hosts an events calendar for the public to get information on upcoming events. [www.epa.gov/red-hill/red-hill-public-events-calendar](http://www.epa.gov/red-hill/red-hill-public-events-calendar)

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