
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT, IN-PERSON
PARTICIPATION AT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION INITIATIVE
MEETINGS RELATED TO RED HILL REMEDIATION EFFORTS.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel
2 Storage Facility consists of twenty steel-lined underground
3 storage tanks that were built from 1940 to 1943; and
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5 WHEREAS, the tanks are located only about one hundred feet
6 above the United States Environmental Protection Agency's
7 designated sole-source groundwater aquifer that provides
8 drinking water to approximately four hundred thousand residents
9 of the island of Oahu; and
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11 WHEREAS, over the course of eight decades, it is estimated
12 that 1,940,000 gallons of fueled has leaked; and
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14 WHEREAS, on November 20, 2021, about ninety-three thousand
15 individuals served by the Navy's potable water system for Joint
16 Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam were directly affected when the Navy's
17 Red Hill water shaft was contaminated by the release of up to
18 nineteen thousand gallons of fuel; and
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20 WHEREAS, over six thousand individuals sought medical
21 attention, and one thousand were forced to leave their homes due
22 to the contamination; and
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24 WHEREAS, fuel released from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage
25 Facility remains in the environment, trapped within the complex
26 geological formations beneath and near the tanks; and
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28 WHEREAS, the gross negligence leading to this significant
29 impact on public health has tainted the overall trust Hawaii



1 residents have with the Navy's ability to manage the situation
2 going forward; and

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4 WHEREAS, Moanalua residents and military families have
5 organized community meetings relating to Red Hill remediation
6 efforts to stay abreast of progress and create a network of
7 support; and

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9 WHEREAS, a Community Representation Initiative (CRI) was
10 added to the EPA approved 2023 Red Hill Administrative Consent
11 Order due to public request, and CRI meetings were held
12 periodically from September 16, 2023 through December 16, 2025;
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15 WHEREAS, the CRI has created an opportunity for more local
16 stakeholders to be actively engaged in the remediation
17 conversation; and

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19 WHEREAS, on February 11, 2026, the Navy's obligation to
20 attend CRI meetings was removed based on the newly approved 2026
21 Community Engagement Plan;

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23 WHEREAS, while the Navy has committed to continued
24 participation in the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee, Neighborhood
25 Board meetings, an annual town hall, and other events, their
26 continued participation in the CRIs is critical to effective
27 community engagement; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Navy's participation in these community
30 meetings would maintain an open dialogue and promote
31 transparency that has been degraded over time; now therefore

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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
35 of 2026, the Senate concurring, the United States Navy is urged
36 to provide consistent, in-person participation at Community
37 Representation Initiative meetings related to Red Hill
38 remediation efforts; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the United States Navy is urged to
41 provide regular public updates on water quality testing,
42 remediation timelines, and ongoing environmental safeguards; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the United States Navy is urged to engage directly with affected residents and provide clear and timely reporting on progress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command.

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