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Dear Mr. Martucci and Dr. Fink,

Subject: Request To Expand Red Hill Monitoring Well Network to Include Existing Basal Aquifer Groundwater Monitoring Well at the Former 'Aiea Laundry Facility

I write to you today as both a Pearl Harbor -Hickam -Kalaeloa Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Member and the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to respectfully request the immediate inclusion of the existing monitoring well at the Former 'Aiea Laundry Facility to the monitoring well network for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility monitoring, sampling, and remediation efforts.

On January 10, 2026, RAB members including myself attended a field visit to the Former Aiea Laundry Facility hosted by Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i's Environmental Restoration staffs. NAVFAC staffs were thorough in providing an overview of past operations, past investigation and remedial work done, and current ongoing monitoring activities on site. It is my understanding that monitoring wells were installed during the remedial investigation of the facility, but many have since been decommissioned and filled, except for one Monitoring Well 16 (MW-16) that remains today. Enclosed for your reference is Figure 2-5 from the Final Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study of Former 'Aiea Laundry Facility, dated July 2016.

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As subject matter expert of past releases and current per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) investigation at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, I urge the regulators, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Hawai'i State Department of Health, to immediately require the Navy to include MW-16 into the Red Hill monitoring well network for regular testing of total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, and PFAS. MW-16 is an existing basal aquifer groundwater monitoring well that requires no additional cost to acquire through private owners nor construction cost. The MW-16 is also fully located within military property, an open parking lot, requiring no landowner approval to schedule water sampling events. Furthermore, the location of MW-16 provides a critical sampling data point just southwest of the Navy 'Aiea-Hālawa Shaft and NMW24, which can be used to monitor down gradient flow paths should the contaminant plume migrates.

Should you have any questions or would like to coordinate a meeting to further discuss, please contact me at 808-748-5061.

Very truly yours,


ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.
— Manager and Chief Engineer

Enclosure: Figure 2-5. Final Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Former Aiea Laundry Facility, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Oahu, Hawaii. July 2016.

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- Existing Basal Aquifer Groundwater Monitoring Well Location
- Basal Aquifer Groundwater Monitoring Well Location (Decommissioned October 2014)
- Laundry Area
- Backyard Area
- St. Elizabeth Church and School Property Boundary

NOTES

1. Base Imagery: Google Earth V6.2.2.6613 (January 1, 2013). DigitalGlobe 2013, USGS 2013. <http://www.earth.google.com> [October 4, 2013].
2. Map Projection: UTM NAD83 Zone 4

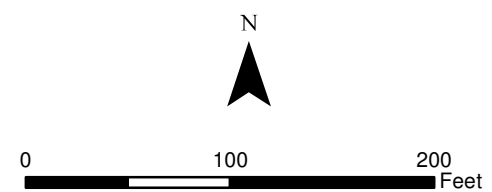


Figure 2-5
October 2014
Existing and Decommissioned
Basal Groundwater Monitoring Well Locations
Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
Former Aiea Laundry Facility
PHNC NPL Site
JBPHH, Oahu, Hawaii