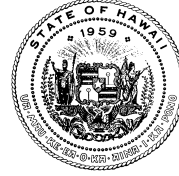




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**Subject:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Hawai'i Department of Health  
Response to Board of Water Supply Request to Expand Red Hill Monitoring Well  
Network to Include Existing Basal Aquifer Groundwater Monitoring Well at the  
Former 'Aiea Laundry Facility, dated January 22, 2026

Dear Mr. Lau:

Thank you for your January 22, 2026 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Hawai'i Department of Health (HDOH) requesting inclusion of groundwater monitoring well MW-16, located at the Former 'Aiea Laundry Facility, in the Red Hill groundwater monitoring and sampling program. We also appreciate hearing this request from you at the Pearl Harbor-Hickam-Kalaeloa Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting at the Oahu Veterans Center on January 14, 2026.

Under the Pearl Harbor Naval Complex Federal Facilities Agreement under CERCLA Section 120, the U.S. Navy is performing a Remedial Investigation (RI) of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at Red Hill with oversight from the EPA and HDOH. Data from this investigation will guide recommendations to help evaluate the site groundwater monitoring well network.

The Former 'Aiea Laundry Site (Pearl Harbor Naval Complex Superfund Site Operable Unit 11) is currently in the Treatability Study phase for soil vapor remediation and additional monitoring and investigation at the neighboring property continues. The primary site contaminant is

tetrachloroethylene (PCE). **The site is located over a mile from the Red Hill facility, and current data does not demonstrate a link between the contaminants at the two facilities.**

As the Navy project manager presented at the RAB meeting on January 14, 2026, the existing soil and groundwater data demonstrate two areas of concern for PFAS at the Red Hill facility, one near Adit 6 and one near the Oily Waste Disposal Facility. EPA and HDOH are reviewing the Navy's updated RI work plan to evaluate the nature and extent of PFAS in soil and groundwater in the two areas of concern. We will continue to evaluate the groundwater monitoring well network to ensure data-driven, strategic expansion. As additional data are collected and the conceptual site model is updated, we can continue to develop and refine technically sound rationale to require additional groundwater monitoring locations. We look forward to your continued engagement on this effort as a key stakeholder and a member of the RAB.

The HDOH appreciates your request to include groundwater monitoring for PFAS at the former 'Aiea Laundry Site. As you are aware, SB 2095 Relating to Environmental Protection which seeks to establish a PFAS working group within the HDOH to investigate the existence and environmental dangers of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances was heard and passed by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. SB 2095 has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

The HDOH provided comments in support of continuing the efforts of our internal working group to assess PFAS contamination and to provide recommendations on additional locations appropriate for PFAS testing and assessment and to study sources of potential PFAS contamination in the State.

We appreciate your time in corresponding with EPA and HDOH. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to, Grace Simmons at [gracelda.simmons@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:gracelda.simmons@doh.hawaii.gov) or John Chesnutt, section manager, EPA Region 9 Superfund Program at [chesnutt.john@epa.gov](mailto:chesnutt.john@epa.gov).

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