

Comment Sought On Navy Red Hill Proposals



The U.S. Navy Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility can be seen above on the right, while the BWS Halawa Shaft can be seen on the left.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) announced they have received the Navy Defense Logistics Agency's Sept. 9, 2019, proposal to upgrade the large fuel storage tanks at the Red Hill Fuel Facility and are requesting public comments on the proposal.

A public meeting to gather comment on the Navy proposal was held on Nov. 19, 2019, at Moanalua Middle School.

The EPA and DOH invite members of the public to submit their feedback on the proposal. The agencies will make their decision after gathering stakeholder input,

public feedback and studying the proposal.

Comments may be sent to the EPA at redhill@epa.gov or by mail to:

Mr. Omer Shalev
EPA Red Hill Project Coordinator
United States Environmental
Protection Agency, Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Comments may be sent to the DOH at DOHrhcomments@HawaiiOIMT.onmicrosoft.com, or by mail to:

Attn: Red Hill
Ms. Roxanne Kwan

Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch
State of Hawaii Department of Health
2827 Waimano Home Road, #100
Pearl City, HI 96782

Written comments must be received by Dec. 9, 2019.

The Navy's TUA decision cover letter and report are available here:

• hbws.me/tua

The public is urged to review the Navy tank upgrade (TUA) decision document and participate in the public comment process.

For more information on Red Hill, see:

• hhbws.me/redhill

BWS Encourages Water Conservation Through Rebates!

BWS has rebate programs to help our customers conserve water and save money! We currently offer rebates on residential clothes washers, rain barrel catchment, and weather-based irrigation controllers. Information and rebate forms at hbws.me/rebates.



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SPRING into SAVINGS when you purchase a water-efficient clothes washer (residential use in single family residence or multi-family unit) that qualifies for a \$75 rebate. Eligible products are available at:

- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Best Buy
- Sears
- Servco
- Mid-Town Radio/Disco Mart
- The Discount Store
- NEX
- Wada's Appliance
- Newtown Appliance
- Pacific Appliance Group

Residential Rain Barrel Rebate Program

SAVE WATER and get a \$40 rebate when you buy and use a rain barrel.

Eligible products are available at:

- Hardware Hawaii (seasonal)
- Hawaiian Style Rain Gutters
- NEX Garden Shop
- Sam's Club (seasonal)



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Eligible products are available at:

- Kona Irrigation Supply (Honolulu location, only)
- SiteOne
- Pacific Pipe Co.
- Lowes
- Home Depot
- Online

BWS Upgrading Automated Water Meter Reading Equipment



A Board of Water Supply contractor will be changing out meter transponder units in the water meter boxes over the next year, beginning in January 2020.

The project will increase the efficiency of the automated meter reading process.

The BWS will replace roughly 80,000 of these devices throughout Oahu. The BWS has been gradually exchanging aging meter transponder units for newer ones; this project will accelerate those efforts.

The BWS has contracted Royal Contracting Company to install the new transponders and EKNA Services, Inc., as the construction managers. The project tasks include:

- Notifying customers of work in their

area 1-2 weeks prior. Most meters are in the public right-of-way.

- For meter boxes on private property, arranging with the customer, in advance, to gain access to the box.
- At the meter box, changing out the old meter transponder unit for a new one, taking 15-20 minutes per meter.
- Perform Quality Assurance/Quality Control work to ensure transponders are operating correctly.

Work will occur seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., except on state highways where work is allowed only from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Water service will not be disrupted. Note that the BWS is NOT changing the water meter; only the meter transponder.

To address concerns that the project may be used to mask illegal activity:

- All contractor employees will have special BWS Contractor ID badges.

- No BWS employee or contractor shall ask the customer for any type of payment in conjunction with this project.

BWS will post information online detailing locations where contractors are working, along with more information on the project:

- BWS MXU website hbws.me/mxu
- Facebook.com/BWSHonolulu
- Twitter at @BWSHonolulu
- Nextdoor.com

If customers have concerns or questions about the project, they can contact the BWS via:

- Email ContactUs@hbws.org (Monitored 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri)
- Phone **748-6500** (Monitored 7:45 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., including weekends. After hours, please leave your name and phone number so that we may return your call.)