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Dear Regional Administrator Guzman and Dr. Char:

Subject: Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Spill at the Navy Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

In the response to the November 29, 2022 reported 1,100 gallon spill of polyfluorinated alkyl substance (PFAS) containing AFFF at the Red Hill Fuel Facility, the Board of Water Supply (BWS) would like the regulatory agencies to demand the Navy immediately begin weekly testing of all Navy monitoring wells and Red Hill Shaft for PFAS to the lowest detection levels. We also ask the regulatory agencies to demand the Navy to fully disclose all past AFFF uses and PFAS compounds from the time AFFF was installed and the records of all AFFF releases to the present day.

The BWS is extremely concerned with this incident given the persistence of PFAS in the environment, the health effects of PFAS and the risk it poses to the drinking water aquifer. The Navy should be ordered to remove all chemicals in use or stored at the facility to prevent any further risks to the environment and drinking water aquifer.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 808-748-5061.

Very truly yours,



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