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CAPT. GUENTHER

Hello, everyone, and welcome to the daily water update for February the fourth. I'm Capt. Darren Guenther, chief of staff for Navy Region, Hawaii. We've been fortunate to have lots of military and civilian experts augment our work here in restoring clean water to our homes.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

As many as 400 people have joined us from commands around the world. They've left their normal responsibilities, homes and families to help us through this, here in Hawaii. So today, after addressing a few of your questions, we're going to bring on one of those individuals who's augmenting our efforts.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

He's a sailor with roots here on Oahu, and he'll have a chance to share what he's doing here and what that means for him. Before we do that, though, I want to remind you that Monday is the last day for our CDC Department of Health survey to assess potential health impacts on our community from the water.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

The survey's open to anyone impacted, and you can go to that survey at the following website, go.usa.gov/xtg8v. Now, let's go on to our map update. So we, this update is posted on our water website, that's navy.mil/jointbasewater, and you'll see it does show some change up here in the Aliamanu area. We completed all of the flushing, that's the home and facilities flushing in Aliamanu, so that entire area now has turned sort of a striped blue, indicating that. So in total, our map looks fairly similar through most of it. We have 18 neighborhoods that are complete with facility and home flushing, and are on to that next phase of awaiting their test results from those coming back from the lab on the mainland, and then we have one area to go that's Kapilina Homes, Iroquois Point.



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So our active flushers come down to that one neighborhood. Kapilina Beach Homes, Iroquois Point, and we are 590 homes complete out of 1459. So we have a ways to go. We're doing two to 300 per day, and so we expect that that's probably going to take us through Tuesday to complete the neighborhood out there. Additionally, I want to highlight that we posted some more test results on our website. So our Drinking Water Distribution System test results have been posted for the neighborhoods of Shipyard and Hospital Point, and those test results again include two attachments. One is a summary, five to ten pages of the testing and the results, and the other is the actual full test result data that comes from the actual laboratory on the mainland, so that that is anywhere from 60 to 100 plus pages.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

So please go and take a look at those results, and then the rest of our neighborhoods, we're in the phase of awaiting those final test results coming from those laboratories on the mainland. Once those test results come in that, then they go to the Inter-agency Drinking Water Team to assess and then on the Department of Health.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

So, hopefully next week we'll have a better idea on some dates coming up, which I know people are very interested in. For now, that's our map update for today. What I'd like to do now is talk through a few questions before we bring our guest on.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

Some questions have continued to filter in and I want to make sure that we're foot stomping a few of these. First question comes from Jennifer, and this is an important one for today. It's about our contracted hotels. We've talked a bit about this over the last few days, but I want to make sure that everyone understands.

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For those of you in the Navy contracted hotels, Jennifer's question is this, "I've heard that I can stay in my hotel until February 28th, but I need to get a new key for my room. Is that correct?" So Jennifer, you are correct.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

The contracts for government procured lodging have been extended at this point through February 28th. This eliminates the need for families to move within and among their hotels. But as a reminder, patrons will need to be re-keyed, so the little electronic key that the front desk gives you, you need to get that re-keyed by today to ensure that you can get into your room. The lodging LNOs at each of those hotels should be available in the lobby to help out with any questions you have and ensure a smooth transition for re-keying your rooms.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

Second question comes from Kayla. She shared that she's heard that EFAC services that the Army is providing at AMR when residents return home, and she asks if the Navy is going to offer comparable services. So the answer is the Military and Family Support Center has operated in Emergency Family Assistance Center, EFAC, since early days of this crisis, providing services that include clinicians, chaplains, legal services, information and referrals, Red Cross, Navy Marine Corps Relief, Air Force Financial Aid, personal financial management and housing services. Some of these services, like housing and counseling assistance, are offered on site, and others, like medical and legal, are also available by phone.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

That EFAC, is located in the same building as the Personnel Support Detachment, which is adjacent to the Ruby Tuesdays restaurant in the Moanalua Shopping Center. Their address is 4820 Bougainville drive. Facility is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can also give them a call if that's more convenient. It's 866-525-6676. OK, and final question here, "after flushing, is the water safe to drink?" Good question. Please remember, that although your neighborhoods and homes may have been flushed, this does not mean the drinking water in your home is approved for your consumption.



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CAPT. GUENTHER

We've been collecting water samples from neighborhoods following in-home flushing, and those samples go to a certified lab on the mainland. Once those labs return the results, they're going to be validated by the Inter-Agency Drinking Water Systems Team, and that team will share their analysis and recommendation with the Department of Health.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

Only the Hawaii Department of Health can amend their order, stating that a water in a zone is subsequently turned to fit for human consumption. So that will happen not after the flushing, but after all of the test results come back and those test results are analyzed.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

OK. What I like to do now is bring our guest in. In the early lead up to this current crisis with our drinking water, we recognized we were going to need a lot of help from experts and we've gotten that assistance from a lot of different commands around the world. With as many as 400 military and civilian experts coming here to help us with just a broad range of skills and things. In the case of our guest today, it means serving his local home community, so on introduce Logistic Specialist Second Class Derrick Kahapea, who's come on.

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CAPT. GUENTHER-LS2 KAHAPEA

(CAPT. GUENTHER) Welcome Petty Officer LS2 KAHAPEA.

(LS2 KAHAPEA) Thank you, sir.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) So tell it, first of all, tell us what unit you're assigned to.

(LS2 KAHAPEA) Sir, I'm, uh, attached to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 Det. Pearl Harbor.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) OK, and your unit is doing just a ton of stuff on this effort.

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CAPT. GUENTHER/LS2 KAHAPEA

(CAPT. GUENTHER) What are the sort of things that you're doing to support the water restoration?

(LS2 KAHAPEA) As of right now our unit in Pearl Harbor and San Diego are flushing homes from over, I would say, about three to 500 houses a day and then for a week about like 1500, and then we have also a GAC watch in Red Hill that is a manned 24/7.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) So I mean, we've gone through thousands, I think up to 8000 homes that your unit has been key in in flushing operations, but also the GACs and the on-going GAC operation up at Red Hill to make sure that that um, that well and the aquifer are clean. Your folks are working on that as well.

(LS2 KAHAPEA) Yes, sir.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) Well, that's great to hear. I understand, you know, I sort of mentioned it. You have a special connection here to Oahu. Where are you from?

(LS2 KAHAPEA) Originally born and raised on Oahu, lived on the Punalu'u side and then just, you know, being raised here you know, the community understands that you just have this connection, this bond to the aina.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) Mm hmm.

(LS2 KAHAPEA) So this just, this means the world, you know what I mean?

(CAPT. GUENTHER) Yeah, that's really important, and I appreciate that. You went to high school, where you got to high school?

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CAPT. GUENTHER/LS2 KAHAPEA

(LS2 KAHAPEA) Kahuku.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) OK, fantastic, and why did you join the Navy out of high school?

(LS2 KAHAPEA) Straight out of high school I joined, you know, for great opportunities, to travel the world.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) So, yeah, great opportunities. Did you have some family that maybe had a connection?

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CAPT. GUENTHER-LS2 KAHAPEA

(LS2 KAHAPEA) Yes. My grandfather was also in the Navy and so was my brother.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) OK, so that's a family connection and great opportunities and see the world, but it's something special to come home in a situation like this. What does that mean to you?



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(LS2 KAHAPEA) Coming home hearing about this water crisis, you know, like I said, you know I have a connection to the aina, and so this community here and just trying to do everything that I that myself and my unit, you know, can do to just get this, you know, whole situation, you know, cleared up.

(CAPT. GUENTHER) Yeah yeah.

(LS2 KAHAPEA) So it doesn't hurt, not just the military homes, but the residents here on Ohau. (CAPT. GUENTHER) Oh yeah. So you know, I and I know also from Hawaii being from Hawaii myself, it means a lot, you know, serving not only our military community, but our Oahu and Hawaii community as well and a state that that's a special thing for for you, sir. So I really appreciate, you know, the service you're giving our community and our Hawaii community and and it's nice to have you back home.

(LS2 KAHAPEA) Thank you, sir. Thank you for having me.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

Hey, thanks for coming on. That was your daily water update for today. Please join us Monday same time. We're monitoring your questions on Facebook and you can email those questions to us as well at cnrhpao@gmail.com. Don't forget to check out the updates on our water website. That's navy.mil/jointbasewater and make sure to check out the good stuff at greatlifeohawaii.com/wegotyou. Please remember we're all in this together as one community and ohana. Stay safe. Take care of yourself. Take care of each other and we'll see you next time.