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Capt. Guenther

Hello, everyone, and welcome to the daily water update for February the 17th. I'm Captain Darren Guenther, chief of staff for Navy Region, Hawaii. The Interagency Drinking Water Team is working hard to restore clean drinking water to your homes and neighborhoods. And the first of you, our residents in the community of Red Hill have been moving in over the past several days, we've been watching carefully how this is going first and foremost, to make sure that you have everything you need if you're one of those moving back in. But also we're watching to understand so that we can make this even smoother and as smooth as possible for follow-on communities and residents who will be moving in over the next several weeks.

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Capt. Guenther

As this work progresses, we've gotten a number of questions, and we're going to go over some of those questions, today. They were pulled from Facebook, as well as some of our emails to our Gmail account. As Department of Health certifies the water zone by zone or neighborhood by neighborhood, we want you to have as much information as possible. And we want to be responsive to your questions. But before we do that, I'd like to go up to the map and give you an update on what we've been working on.

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Capt. Guenther

So this chart is posted, it's actually posted on our data page, our water data page, we'll talk about that in just a second. The big one that we've been talking about here over the last several days is our Red Hill neighborhood that was certified by the Department of Health as the water, safe to drink and for all uses several days ago. Our Red Hill neighbors have been moving in over the last several days. If you have any questions whatsoever on that move in and you're one of those families moving in if you have any concerns or whatnot, please reach out to the numbers we talked about yesterday for Task Force Ohana, they are standing by the community center and they're standing by to answer your questions if you have any, for that Red Hill neighborhood.

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Capt. Guenther

Now Pearl City Peninsula, that's likely the next neighborhood in the queue. The full package of sampling and test results from the drinking water at both the distribution systems as well as the homes and facilities has been provided with the endorsement of the Interagency Drinking Water Team has been provided to the Department of Health for their decision. So that package was supplied on Tuesday, about proximately, seven days for them to go over that the details within that sampling package. That's where that is for Pearl City Peninsula.



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And we're receiving more sample and test data for other neighborhoods. So we've received the full test results for Hokulani and Hale Moku, as well as Ford Island, we talked about that yesterday, we've been receiving those packages, and those packages are under the review of the Interagency Drinking Water Team. In addition today, yesterday, we received the remaining test results for the neighborhoods of Hale Na Koa, Onizuka Field and Officer's field that's in that main sort of Hickam Air Field area. So the Interagency Drinking Water Team is starting to go through those results, again, maybe 1,000 pages of results there. And so they're working through methodically across all of those neighborhoods.

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Capt. Guenther

One note, if I could go back Pearl City Peninsula, our communications teams are working on uploading the information from all the test results to our website. We should have that up here soon. You know, when they go through a package, they evaluate the entire package within that Interagency Drinking Water Team. And they work hard to get that to the Department of Health to meet their timelines. And then we follow that up by working to upload all those reports and results to the website. And so I appreciate your patience there. We should have that data up soon for you to take a look at and certainly before the move-in date comes. So with that, that's our map update for today.

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Capt. Guenther

Okay, we'd like to do now is go through some of the questions that we've received from you and the first one is on Pearl City Peninsula. It's from Marcus. He says that he saw on the news that information about water in Pearl City Peninsula housing has passed been passed to the Department of Health. He wants to know if the water there is now safe to drink. So here's the answer. The Department of Health has not yet amended their advisory certifying the water in Pearl City Peninsula as safe to drink, but the recent news is an important step on this process.

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Capt. Guenther

The Interagency Drinking Water System Team completed their review and validation of distribution system and residential building testing results for Pearl City Peninsula. Those results were submitted to Department of Health for final review, February the 15th and will be posted as I just mentioned on the Interagency Drinking Water Team flushing and sampling data website shortly within the next few days is what this says. Once Department of Health has amended their advisory the housing office supporting



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Pearl City Peninsula will email a letter to residents from Navy leadership stating their water is safe to drink.

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Capt. Guenther

At that time, residents who were Army residents of that zone will also get a similar letter from the Army's Task Force Ohana confirming that the U.S. Army Pacific emergency evacuation authorization has been lifted. So until those notifications come we would ask you to continue to observe the Department of Health's advisory on the drinking water. And we'll see when that changes. Okay. All right.

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Capt. Guenther

The next question is on a long term sampling. Ada asks when the next water sampling will be done in Red Hill housing. The two year testing plan approved by the Interagency Drinking Water Team begins once the Department of Health's advisory has been modified to certify water in a zone as safe for use. The Department of Health Advisory for the Red Hill housing area was amended on Monday, February the 14th, which set in motion phase one of the long term monitoring plan that is included in the Interagency Drinking Water Team approved drinking water sampling plan, and you can see that sampling plan on our website.

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Capt. Guenther

As part of this plan, additional testing of 5% of the homes in that neighborhood will be conducted that's beyond the initial 10% sample of the homes already tested. That sampling date will start within the next 30 days from February the 14th. Phase two of the sampling plan begins approximately four months after that date, and includes the testing of water in an additional difference 10% of the home's every six months for two years, which should get over the life of that sampling plan, a total of 55% of the homes sampled. Okay, that's that answer.

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Capt. Guenther

Next question is on maps on the web page for the Interagency Drinking Water Team. Tracy says she can no longer access the map with the dates on the website. She's asking for a direct link to the map or directions to where she can find the map. Here's the answer provided on the Joint Base Water Update page, you can click on a link called "zone status updates" that will take you to the JBPHH-safewaters.org page. On this page, you will find the map would different zones and their status. If you click on the flushing zone tab on the top of the page, you'll navigate to the table with a list of communities and the estimated dates of return. But you know, I tend to agree I think



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that's somewhat confusing. I don't know if I like that answer myself. So we're going to work to try and get that in an easier location on that website. So we'll look and see what we can do on that one.

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Capt. Guenther

Okay. Next one is is there an update on Manana Housing. Ronna asks, why hasn't there been an update on Manana Housing. I think this one came in yesterday. Marine Corps Base Hawaii who is responsible for the operation of Manana Housing tells us that they are waiting, awaiting the results of the Hawaii Department of Health's water quality investigation. At this time, Manana is still under a Department of Health water advisory. Manana is currently still using water supplied by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, but is scheduled to switch to the Navy distribution system in the near future. Once that switch to Navy water occurs, Marine Corps Base Hawaii will request that residents conduct another maintenance flush of their homes prior to using any water. That additional flash will discard any static water and sedimentation remaining in the residential piping. Okay.

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Capt. Guenther

The next question is on initial sampling. Crystal tells us that her home was initially tested on December the second, she would like to see the results of that testing. The sample results from early December sampling actions are posted at the Hawaii Department of Health's website. It's health.hawaii.gov/about/navy-water-system-quality-updates/#results. And you can also get this on the Navy data website, which may be easier to go to it's JBPhh-safewaters.org, I know we talk about that a lot. When you go on that site, just click on the flushing map for your zone. Please keep in mind that early sampling efforts were only screening samples. They were taken to determine where any potential contaminant was located in the system. Those early results were not taken to meet EPA and or Department of Health drinking water standards. Okay.

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Capt. Guenther

Here's a question on EFAC. Bryson writes that he's seen where the Army has a center open to support families moving back into Red Hill housing. Is the Navy planning to do this too? The shorter answer is yes. The Navy's Emergency Family Assistance Center or EFAC continues to operate to assist anyone impacted by the water crisis with a variety of community needs similar to the Army EFAC the emergency Family Assistance Center EFAC includes clinicians, chaplains, Legal Services Office, information referrals, Red Cross, Navy Marine Corps Relief, Air Force financial aid, Personnel Financial



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Management, and housing as well. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5pm. Where you can reach out center by phone at 866-525-6676 during weekdays or on the weekend, you can call 808-722-7847. That EFAC is located in the same building as the Personnel Support Detachment for the Navy which is adjacent to the Ruby Tuesday's restaurant, in the Moanalua Shopping Center.

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Capt. Guenther

Okay, all good questions that we've gotten today and that was your daily water update for today. Please join us tomorrow, same time. We're monitoring your questions on Facebook and you can email those questions to CNRHPAO@gmail.com. Please keep your questions coming. Don't forget our water water info website at navy.mil/jointbasewater and the water data website which is JBPHH-safewaters.org And make sure you check out the good stuff at greatlifehawaii.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.