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CAPT. GUENTHER

Hello everyone, and welcome to the daily water update for 27 December. I'm Captain Darren Guenther, Chief of Staff for Navy Region, Hawaii. I hope that each and every one of you stayed safe over the holiday weekend and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. Today we start the second week of doing these weekly updates, and I hope you found them helpful over the time of our water crisis that's ongoing. I'll be showing you today an updated map. We'll look at where we've made some progress and then try to forecast out for the upcoming week. With home flushing in progress coming up this week and that being sort of the phase that we're moving towards and focusing on. I'll be joined later on by Lieutenant Commander Alex McCorkindale, who is one of our engineering experts and he'll have a chance to talk us through what to expect during the flush of your home. Don't forget our water info website, its Navy.Mil/Jointbasewater and make sure you check out the good stuff at GreatLifeHawaii.com/Wegotyou.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

So thank you for joining me and now onto the daily water update. All right. This chart, again, is updated and hung on our water page Navy.Mil/JointBaseWater. So you can pull it off and take a look at exactly what I'm talking about after the update. I'll go neighborhood by neighborhood. I'm going to start with Pearl City Peninsula. We've been doing a lot of work there, the first neighborhood to go through this process and the first neighborhood that's coming up on the home flush piece of this. We are. The situation we're in right now, we're waiting for the test results to come back from the lab, but that lab is on the mainland. We were expecting those results today. It looks like we're not going to get them until tomorrow. With that, we are expecting to push the home flush one day, meaning that the home flush for Pearl City Peninsula should commence Wednesday. That's Wednesday, the 29th of December. Once we get the results back, we are hoping for, by the end of day today or first thing tomorrow morning. We'll have a time in which our inner agency, water group will take a look at those and make sure they're all on the same page. So remember, we have Department of Health health experts. We have Environmental Protection Agency experts who are working with us to certify the water. And with that, we'll need just a little time to go through those test results when we get them back. So that's the time frame that's pushing us one day. So I expect home flushing to commence no earlier than 29 December, which is Wednesday.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

OK, let's move over to the right on the map. Aliamanu neighborhood, Aliamanu military reservation is complete 100% with its system flushing, and the test results made it to the lab just before the holiday. They are just starting to do that analysis and testing on the samples that we provided. That's where we're at with Aliamanu. Red Hill neighborhood is 95% complete. They're



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still doing some final system flush there, should be complete by tonight, so we should be finished, which will allow us to take samples tomorrow, get them on the airplane to the mainland lab for testing and analysis of those samples. Again, that'll be tomorrow. So expecting system flush complete end of today for the Red Hill neighborhood.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

Moving down, Moanalua Terrace, that's our NEX, again, our largest system flush we have just because of the volume of water that we need to put through there associated with the supply tanks also, in order to ensure that we get 100% system flush, that's a big one and so it's progressing on timeline as slightly above 25% going to take us some more time to get through that as we have planned for and expected. But that is Moanalua Terrace. Hale Moku and Hokulani started their system flush last week. We are looking right now, they're 85% complete. We expect to be complete 100% by close of business today, which is another neighborhood, neighborhoods, Hale Moku Hokulani, which we anticipate being able to take our sample tests tomorrow, and send them off to the mainland lab to start that process. Finally, our Hale na koa, Onizuka Village officer field area, we started flushing yesterday, a fairly large area, but were 15% complete there. That one is tracking and we should be into that flush and finishing that flush mid to late this week. That's that zone right there. Next zone up has not started its flush, we'll be heading to Ford Island. They are looking at starting up tomorrow, 27 December Ford Island flush will commence. That's sort of the flush plans where we're at for system flush again, for home, flush for Pearl City Peninsula, looking like we're moving to Wednesday, the 29th, our big carbon filters update on where we're at with those carbon filters.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

We now have 25 of the big carbon filter systems in place at various parts across our community. There's actually 19 that are embedded right now where they need to be. The others are going to be transported here today, so you'll see some movement into the upcoming system flush neighborhoods. In particular, Ford Island has one of the carbon filters right now, they're going to get a few more to facilitate and support their system flush, which will begin tomorrow. As an aside, we've also ordered a few more carbon filters as sort of a redundant addition to our plan to make sure that we don't go off track with what we're looking at in terms of our timelines forward. So that's where we're at for new carbon filters over the holiday for a total of 25 and that's your map update for today. I'd like to talk about some letters that went out or one in particular, these are the 48 hour prior letters.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

So Ford Island, you're coming up, you should have seen it in a couple of different venues. That letter was sent out late last week right before the holiday. That was your 48 hours prior to system



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flush, and again, one of the big notes I want to highlight, the recommendation, not to wash whites during that system flush. OK What I'd like to do now is bring in Lieutenant Commander McCorkindale to talk a little about our flushing plan. And you know, you're an expert with the engineering team's work and, you know, our sort of drinking water restoration plan and I understand it's an interagency plan. So you're working with our state and federal sort of drinking water experts in order to bring us through this. And so I guess the first question, some of these questions are from our community. Where are we at in our flushing process and what are the next steps to that process?

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LCDR. MCCORKINDALE

Well, captain, as we've seen from your updates over the last week, significant progress has been made in the system flush. So a lot of these neighborhoods have completed system flushing. Now we're waiting on sample results, as you mentioned and so the next phase of this is moving into that, that home flushing procedures and that will begin at A1 on Wednesday, as you mentioned.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

OK, great And you know, we recognize that this is, you know, the system flush is just a part of the process we have to get through in order to get to the end and so the next phase is that home flush. A long process, but one that we want to do right and not to not take any chances on any corners and ensure that we are of one mind with our agency partners on this. But it's nice to hear we're moving through the system flush, but I understand, you know, those residents, and my residence is one, we're waiting for this system flush and then the home flush as well in order to get to that end. So talk more about the home flushing, what's the process for home flushing?

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LCDR. MCCORKINDALE

Just some of the details of the home flushing plan are still being worked on at the agency. So as you've mentioned, we want to make sure we're in lock step with all of our interagency partners in this before we move forward with the specific details, but we expect those to be that final process to be finalized today and approved.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

OK, so more to follow It sounds like on on some of this home flushing and we'll try to get more information out to our community so that they know a little more what to expect but what can we tell our community now, in terms of, what we're maybe going to ask of them for this home flushing, which really is looking to commence, hopefully on Wednesday in Pearl City Peninsula?



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LCDR. MCCORKINDALE

Yes, I'm sure that's one of the really important questions that's coming from the residents that they're worried about asking. So we do have a few items that we ask the residents, so we would like them to be present in their home if they are available on the day, the time that we're flushing our home, we would ask that they're present if they can be. If any, sinks and tubs please have those empty. So they're clear we're going to be running all of those, so if you can get anything out of sinks and tubs that'll speed the process and make it go a little bit more smoothly. We need good access to the water heater, so we're going to we're going to completely empty that water heater and refill it and flush it, so if there are there things in, you know, in front of the water heater, we just ask that a path is cleared so our folks can get there easily and then another item is pets. So we just like the pets secured away from any of those those those faucets sinks, tubs, the water heater, so if it's in a room or if it's in the back yard away from the the outdoor spigots, that that would be very, very helpful and finally, we ask that any residents present wear masks, wear face masks to prevent the spread of COVID.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

OK, so a couple of highlights from what you just said. So we're asking residents if they could be present in the home, at least to meet the team initially and let them in. Sinks, faucets and others empty, access to the water heater, so that your team can go in and actually flush the water heater. Make sure your pets are put away for their safety and yours. And masks, your teams are going to be wearing masks, of course, as well and they asked for residents to wear masks if they're around the team.

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LCDR. MCCORKINDALE

That's exactly right. Our teams will be wearing masks.

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How will the flushing process take?

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LCDR. MCCORKINDALE

Right now, we're estimating about two hours. That's based on some planning factors and a couple of rehearsals and run-throughs that were completed last week. So we're expecting two hours. We



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do not need the residents' home that entire time. If the residents prefer to stay in their home, that's fine. But again, we would just ask that they wear masks any time they're in the home with our flushing teams.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

OK, so the big ask there, though, is that residents be available to meet the team upon arrival. But they do not necessarily need to stay in the home unless they choose to do so during the flush process, so they're welcome to stay, but if they'd like that team to do their work with them out of the home, that's fine too. You can facilitate that. Any other tips or final words?

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LCDR. MCCORKINDALE

Yes, so our timeline, as you said, is dynamic. A lot of it. There are a lot of moving pieces, one of the main ones being those test results that we're waiting on. So the intent is that as soon as those test results have come in and the interagency partners have gotten together, they've had time to review those and approve them and say that yes, yes, the distribution system is clean and you can move forward with home flushing. Another notification will be sent out to residents and so the intent of this notification, we are trying to give them as much, kind of heads up as possible, but this will be the confirmation that, yes, hey, tomorrow on Wednesday, for instance, as planned, we are going to start home flushing. So we just ask residents to continue to monitor their email so they don't miss that traffic.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

OK, so, Pearl City Peninsula. Anticipating Wednesday the 29th. Contingent and receiving the results and being able to analyze that with our Department of Health and EPA team members on the interagency drinking water team, and then following that, there will be one more notification of residents that it's happening. That notification, though, maybe with a short time span before we ask, though, is that correct?

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LCDR. MCCORKINDALE

That is correct.

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CAPT. GUENTHER

OK, OK. Thank you. OK. That was your daily water update for today. Please come back tomorrow at the same time. We're monitoring the questions that you asked in the comment section on Facebook and you can also email those questions to CNRHPAO@Gmail.com. We're seeing lots of questions on benefits and flushing plan and we're trying to work through those



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questions. Remember, we're all in this together as one community and one ohana. Stay safe. Take care of yourself, take care of each other, and we'll see you next time.