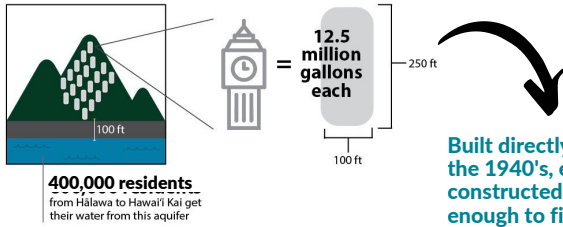


Red Hill Water Security Fact Sheet

Kapūkakī, known today as Red Hill, is the ridge located between the ahupua'a of Hālawā and Moanalua. For almost 80 years, the U.S. Navy has stored around 200 million gallons of fuel in underground storage tanks in this ridge, just 100 feet above O'ahu's primary drinking water supply.



Why does this matter?

While drinking water is currently safe to consume, **studies have detected traces of petroleum chemicals in the groundwater and soil** near the tanks.

The tanks should have never been built so close to a drinking water resource and should not be allowed to exist there any longer. By keeping the tanks in their current corroding state, **the Navy is saying that O'ahu's drinking water is disposable.**

The tanks' leaky history

27,000 gallons of fuel leaked from Tank 5 in 2014, and never recovered.

In March 2020, a pipeline connected to Red Hill leaked an unknown amount of fuel into Pearl Harbor. Roughly **7,700 gallons** of fuel was collected. The Navy confirmed it was an active leak in January 2021, but misled the public for months.

In May 2021, **more than 1,600 gallons** of jet fuel leaked from the facility due to human error after a control room operator failed to follow correct procedures.

In July 2021, a leak of **100 gallons** that is suspected to be connected to the Red Hill facility was found at Kilo Pier on Pearl Harbor.

In November 2021, **14,000 gallons** of fuel-water mixture leaked from a fire suppression system drain line at Red Hill. Residents in Foster Village and Aliamanu called 911 to report the smell of fuel.


More than 180,000 gallons of fuel has leaked since construction, most of which has never been located, much less cleaned up.





Less than a week after the 14,000-gallon leak, hundreds of residents living in military housing started seeing oily sheens in their tap water, smelling diesel-like fumes, and experiencing widespread health problems like rashes, bloody noses, upset stomachs, and much more. The Holy Family Catholic Academy, Nimitz School, and Red Hill Elementary School taped off their sinks and served food that didn't require tap water to prepare.

On December 1st, the Health Department reported that they found "petroleum-like substances" in the water, confirming what hundreds of residents already knew – **there is fuel in the water.**

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

 Sign up for action alerts to stay updated

 Write to the Pentagon: Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III at 1000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1000 and Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro at 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 4D652, Washington, D.C. 20350, and tell them to shut down Red Hill to protect our water

 Write to President Biden and our congressional delegation

Quick Facts

- Approximately 400,000 residents from Hālawā to Hawai'i Kai receive their water from the threatened aquifer.
- Only 100 feet separate the tanks from O'ahu's main drinking water supply.
- The facility has a 96% chance of leaking up to 30,000 gallons over the next 10 years.