NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR RED HILL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY JOINT BASE PEARL-HARBOR HICKAM, OAHU

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the United States Department of the Navy (the Navy) gives notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and requests public comment on the proposed construction and operation of a new water treatment facility to reconnect water from the Navy's Red Hill Shaft to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) drinking water system and discontinue the discharge of water into Halawa Stream. The Proposed Action would include the construction of a new, permanent water treatment facility and the associated utilities, infrastructure, and site improvements, as well as the connection of an interim, modified granular activated carbon (GAC) water treatment facility that is currently under installation at Red Hill to the Navy drinking water system. Both the permanent water treatment facility and the interim water treatment facility would treat water from the Red Hill Shaft to meet National Primary Drinking Water Regulations and State of Hawaii Department of Health Safe Drinking Water Standards. The Navy anticipates the project would result in less than significant impacts on the quality of the human or natural environment.

The Draft EA is available for public review and download at the following website: https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/About-Us/National-Environmental-Policy-Act-NEPA-Information/. Hard copies of the Draft EA are available for review at the Aiea Public Library and the Hawaii State Public Library.

Written comments on the Draft EA may be provided by mail to: ATTN: Red Hill Water Treatment Facility EA Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Hawaii/EV21, Building 55, 400 Marshall Road, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96860-3139, or by email: RedHillEA@hhf.com. Written comments must be received or postmarked by April 20, 2025 to be considered in the Final EA.