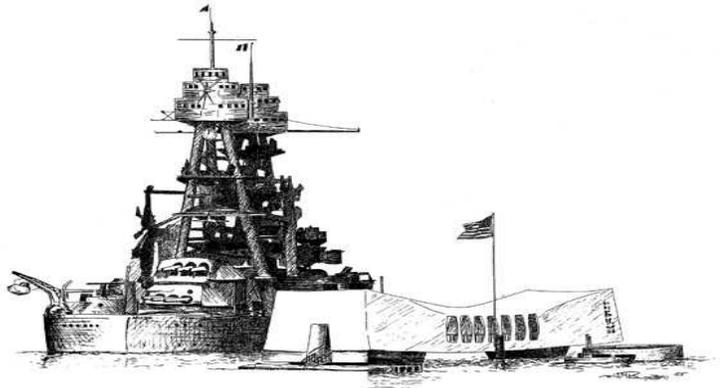


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## **Fuel release at Navy fuel storage facility at Pearl Harbor**

(PEARL HARBOR) - The Navy is responding to an underground fuel release of approximately 366,000 gallons that has occurred at a fuel storage facility on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The release involves a tank containing marine diesel fuel (F-76), which is normally used to power naval vessels.

On the afternoon of April 26, gauges indicated a decline in the level of fuel in the tank; however, an inspection produced no visible leak from the tank exterior or from surrounding piping and valves; nor was there any presence of fuel odor, and there was no indication of release of fuel into the harbor.

Work began immediately to drain the tank, remove existing sludge in the tank's bottom, and disperse fumes inside the tank so that personnel could enter the tank to perform a visual inspection. That work was completed this afternoon. A preliminary inspection revealed the existence of a 3-inch by 1.5-inch hole in the tank's bottom.

There is no immediate hazard to the public. Proper notification of the release has been made to required federal and state agencies, including the National Response Center, Hawaii State Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office. Navy On-Scene Coordinator is keeping the U.S. Coast Guard and State Department of Health updated on the status of the cleanup.

An investigation into the release is underway.

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