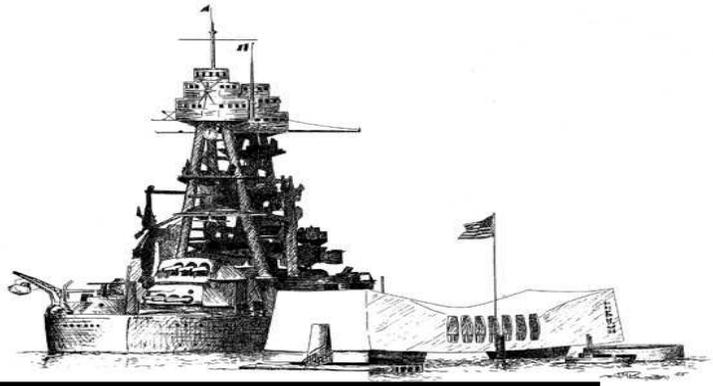


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## **Navy responding to fuel release at Pearl Harbor**

(PEARL HARBOR) – Navy spill responders, in coordination with the State Department of Health and U.S. Coast Guard, are working together to execute a plan to mitigate an underground release of 359,000 gallons of marine diesel fuel (F-76) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Marine diesel fuel is normally used to power naval vessels.

Authorities reported there are no immediate hazards to the public, and there are no drinking water wells or springs in the area.

The Navy is taking this matter very seriously and immediately began removing fuel from existing monitoring wells in the area using vacuum trucks. The Navy will continue to constantly monitor the wells until it is certain no fuel is moving toward the waters of Pearl Harbor. The Navy also has a preventive booming strategy in place at Pearl Harbor. Booms are a proven technique frequently used to prevent fuel from spreading further.

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 or 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 personnel could enter the tank to perform a visual inspection. The rapid response resulted in saving more than 890,000 gallons of fuel, which was transferred into surge tanks.

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, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Navy will continue to work with federal and state agency emergency response personnel to do everything possible to protect people's health and the environment.

A thorough investigation is being conducted into the release.

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