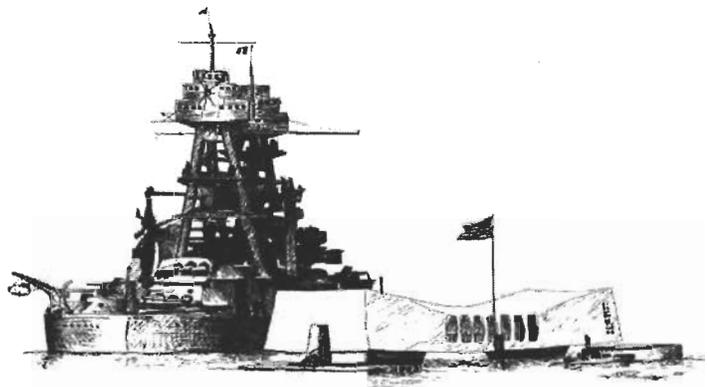


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Naval Station Pearl Harbor contains fuel spill

PEARL HARBOR –Yesterday, fuel was discovered within the boomed area around USS Port Royal (CG 73), which is pier side at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Currently, approximately 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel has been recovered as the Navy continues spill recovery operations in the vicinity of its Mike Piers 1 and 2. The spill has been contained and the Navy will continue cleanup actions until all of the fuel has been removed.

The spill is contained at the pier and does not present any environmental threat. Primary and secondary booms have contained the spill in a 20' x 40' area that is not an environmentally sensitive area. There is no evidence of any wildlife or marine life having been affected.

The spill is contained in an area that will not affect areas around historical sites such as the Arizona Memorial, Battleship Missouri and the Honouliuli Wildlife Refuge.

An investigation is currently underway to determine the cause of the spill.

As part of normal, standard operations to protect the environment, booms are placed around the ship to contain any inadvertent spills during fueling operations. Response teams and booms, a proven technique frequently used to prevent fuel from spreading further, were in place around Port Royal and contained the spread of the fuel.

Proper notification of the spill 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, and to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The Navy On-Scene Coordinator is keeping the U.S. Coast Guard and State Department of Health updated on the status of the cleanup.

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