



# RED HILL TOP 5

## Check it out...

Some facts compared to myths on the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility

**1. Myth: *Some people are concerned that petroleum products may be in our Red Hill drinking water.***

**FACT: The drinking water is safe and the U.S. Navy is committed to keeping it safe.**

The Navy uses independent certified laboratories and EPA-approved methods to test the water. [Public records](#) (water quality reports from both Board of Water Supply and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water) citing certified [test results](#) verify the drinking water is safe and within Federal and State standards.

**2. Myth: *Some people believe the tanks at Red Hill are leaking.***

**FACT: The tanks are not leaking.**

The Navy recently completed the latest round of annual tank tightness testing for the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. All operating tanks passed all [Title 40 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations](#) criteria and demonstrated sound integrity – no leaks.

**3. Myth: *Some people believe the Navy is not working fast enough to make Red Hill safer.***

**FACT: The Administrative Order on Consent process is working and on track.**

In addition to existing Navy plans, the [Administrative Order on Consent](#) (signed/approved Sept. 28, 2015) serves as both a legally enforceable roadmap for continually modernizing Red Hill and a directed timetable toward completion. The Administrative Order on Consent ensures the [Hawaii Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) provide the Navy regulatory oversight and expert resources in order to make step-by-step evidence-based decisions and not rush to potential failure.

**4. Myth: *Some people believe that, since the Red Hill facility is 70 years old, it is an aging derelict facility that must be decaying and in disrepair.***

**FACT: Red Hill is a modernized facility.**

The Navy and the Department of Defense work to continually [upgrade and modernize](#) this critical facility. Since 2006, the Navy and DoD have spent more than \$200 million in upgrades. Red Hill is a national engineering marvel, similar to the Hoover Dam and the Empire State Building (both older than Red Hill), that continues to function as well as, if not better than, it did at its inception. The [EPA](#) provides information about [Tank Infrastructure Improvements](#), including: Inspection, Repair & Maintenance; Upgrade Alternatives; Release Detection; and Corrosion and Metal Fatigue Practices; Risk and Vulnerability Assessment; and Additional Documents.

**5. Myth: *Some people think that Red Hill is no longer needed.***

**FACT: The Red Hill facility is essential to the Fleet and other DoD services.**

[Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility](#) enables the military to support its vital security missions in the Pacific Theater, including protecting sea lanes and commercial shipping. More than 90 percent of Hawaii's trade to and from the islands depends on that shipping. Red Hill is central to continued security, stability and prosperity for both the Indo-Asia-Pacific Theater and the United States. And the military, as one of the top economic engines for the state, provides jobs, income and opportunity – on base and off – for the people of Hawaii.

### References:

1. Fact: "The Drinking water is safe and the U.S. Navy is committed to keeping it safe" – Independent test results are posted online at <http://go.usa.gov/x9zMu>. 2. Fact: "The tanks are not leaking" – The Administrative Order on Consent required the Navy to develop and submit to EPA and Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) a Tank Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance (TIRM) Report. The Navy submitted the TIRM to the Regulatory Agencies (EPA and DOH) for review on October 11, 2016: <http://go.usa.gov/x9ze4>. DOH's U.S. Navy Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility UST Project website: <http://go.usa.gov/x9ze4> 3. Fact: The Administrative Order on Consent process is working and on track. From the EPA Red Hill website: "In response to the January 2014 fuel release from the facility, EPA and Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) negotiated an enforceable agreement, also known as an Administrative Order on Consent with the U.S. Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). The Order requires the Navy and DLA to take actions, subject to DOH and EPA approval, to address fuel releases and implement infrastructure improvements to protect human health and the environment": <http://go.usa.gov/x9zeE>. 4. Fact: Red Hill is a modernized facility. "Currents": "Navy Intensifies Modernization of Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: Improvements in Oversight, Technology and Operating Procedures Guard Against Future Releases": <http://go.usa.gov/x9ze2>. EPA Tank Infrastructure Improvements: <http://go.usa.gov/x9zeT>. 5 Fact: The Red Hill facility is essential to the Fleet and other DoD services. "Red Hill is a national strategic asset": [www.cnrc.navy.mil/redhill](http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/redhill).

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