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**Subject: Conclusion of Decision Meetings for Tank Upgrades Alternatives (“TUA”) and  
New Release Detection Alternatives under the Red Hill Administrative Order on  
Consent (“AOC”) Statement of Work (“SOW”)**

Dear Captain Delao:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and Hawaii Department of Health (“DOH”), collectively the “Regulatory Agencies”, are committed to seeing that the U.S. Department of the Navy (“Navy”) and the Defense Logistics Agency (“DLA”) continue to make infrastructure improvements at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. It is our understanding that the Navy and DLA are developing and intending to submit a combined TUA and New Release Detection Alternatives Decision Document and Implementation plan to the Regulatory Agencies to satisfy requirements 3.5 and 4.8 of the Red Hill AOC SOW, respectively.

It is also our understanding that the AOC Parties have jointly agreed that TUA and New Release Detection Alternatives Decision Meetings under sections 3.4 and 4.7 of the Red Hill AOC SOW have concluded. The Regulatory Agencies reemphasize our concerns as outlined in our March 7, 2018 letter that the TUA Decision Document must compare the relative environmental performance of each TUA alternative. The best available practicable technology (“BAPT”) identified by Navy and DLA must demonstrate to the Regulatory Agencies’ satisfaction that groundwater and drinking water resources will be protected.

As required under the Red Hill AOC SOW, the Navy and DLA shall submit, within 60 days of the date of this letter, a combined TUA and New Release Detection Alternatives Decision

Document to the Regulatory Agencies for approval. Please let us know if you have any comments or concerns with this letter.

Sincerely,



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