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Attention: Ms. Roxanne Kwan  
Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch

Dear Dr. Anderson and Ms. Kwan:

Subject: Request for Notice of Contested Case Hearing on Underground Storage Tank (UST) Permit Application for Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility (Red Hill), Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH), Oahu, Department of Health (DOH) Facility ID NO. 9-102271

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The Board of Water Supply (BWS) is in receipt of the Sierra Club of Hawaii's letter, dated June 18, 2019, requesting a contested case hearing on the United States Department of the Navy's UST permit application for Red Hill (Sierra Club, 2019). The Sierra Club is contesting the Navy's Red Hill permit application and seeking to have the DOH deny the permit and order the Navy to relocate the Red Hill tanks. To our knowledge, the DOH has yet to respond to the Sierra Club's contested case hearing request.

Red Hill stores nearly 200 million gallons of fuel in 20 large field-constructed underground fuel storage tanks 100 feet above a high quality sole source groundwater aquifer. Given the enormous amount of fuel stored, the location of this storage relative to our groundwater aquifer, the potential for impacts to Oahu's critical drinking water resources, and as the utility charged with providing residents with safe and dependable water service, the BWS has a right to participate in a potential contested case hearing on the Navy's Red Hill permit application, and reserves its right, if necessary, to intervene pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules § 11-1-35.

Accordingly, we hereby request that the DOH provide to the BWS written notice of any decision to grant or deny the Sierra Club's request for a contested case hearing on the

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Navy's Red Hill permit application at the same time as any notice to the Sierra Club and/or the Navy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, at 808-748-5061.

Very truly yours,



ERNEST Y.W. LAU, P.E.  
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cc: Mr. Bryan Andaya, Chair, Board of Water Supply  
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