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Mr. Steven Chang, P.E., Chief Hawaii State Department of Health Environmental Management Division Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 212 Honolulu, HI 96814

Dear Mr. Chang,

SUBJECT: RED HILL TANK 5 RELEASE FREE PRODUCT RECOVERY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) FACILITY ID NO. 9-102271.

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The following information is provided to update your Department on the free product recovery efforts underway for the Red Hill Tank 5 fuel release of January 2014.

- a. From the Soil and Rock: The Navy has submitted a Site Characterization Work Plan/Sampling and Analysis Plan for your review. The characterization may, pending DOH approval, include boring into the basalt beneath the tank to determine the nature and extent of any contamination. If recoverable free product is discovered during this investigation into the subsurface, efforts will be made to remove the free product. Geology and contamination information gathered from the characterization will be used to determine the best remediation solutions. The results of this site characterization will be submitted to your office.
- b. From the Tank Structure: The Navy has also been evaluating courses of action to investigate whether recoverable free product resides within the tank structure (i.e., within any voids between the steel tank and concrete backing). It has been determined at present that the most likely path of any released fuel would be between the steel and the concrete tank containment toward the bottom of the tank. To access the area at the bottom of the tank some of the epoxy coating/liner and welded patch plates will be removed in several areas. Holes drilled through the steel liner plates will be explored for existing free product. If found, the recoverable free product

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will be retrieved. This destructive exploration will be conducted in a manner that will allow the integrity of the tank to be reestablished and avoid creating vulnerabilities for future fuel releases. Upon completion, the tank integrity impacted by this effort will be restored. The results of this free product investigation from the tank structure will be shared with your office.

We will continue to keep you informed on our progress. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Aaron Poentis at (808) 471-1171, extension 226.

Sincerely,

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