

Marine Corps Base Hawaii - Environmental Report
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Response to P-8 Mishap

Environmental conditions remained stable over the last 24 hours. The P-8A remains secured and there remains no indication of a release of contaminants of potential concern into the environment.

Planning actions for recovery operations continued today. Preliminary analysis is being developed to analyze courses of action to remove the P-8A from the water. The environmental response plan needs to be phased appropriately to ensure compliance and mitigate environmental risk.

Discussions are occurring with the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) – State On-Scene Coordinator and HDOH Clean Water Branch to develop plans to properly contain any potential spills and to plan for potential rinsing operations after the plane leaves the water. Aircraft normally use a wash rack to enable use of an oil water separator before water is sent to the sanitary sewer. Other more logistically intensive options are available and developed further if moving the aircraft to a wash rack is not feasible.

Environmental Protective Measures largely remain the same. Additional anchorage for stabilization is planned for 11/29 and will be emplaced on sandy bottom.