

Marine Corps Base Hawaii - Environmental Report
30 November 2023
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. The first load of Inflatable roller bags arrived yesterday to support recovery options. The second load of Inflatable roller bags are expected to arrive via C-130 aircraft to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam tomorrow. Preliminary analysis continues to be 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.

A working group met this morning to discuss a plan for fresh water rinsing of the P-8A after it is recovered back on to the runway. The working group determined that the best course of action would be to tow the P-8A to the nearest aircraft wash rack and be prepared to create a containment berm if needed to collect rinse water and transport to an on-base oil water separator prior to entering the sanitary sewer system. This will avoid a violation of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Once finalized, this plan will be shared with the State On-Scene Coordinator for the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER), and the HDOH Clean Water Branch.

Environmental Protective Measures largely remain the same. Supplies for freshwater rinse collection and spill response are being purchased today. While the risk of potential spills are minimal, triple boom and fresh sorbent sweeps will remain around the aircraft during the aircraft removal operations and spill response equipment will be staged for quick response.