

Marine Corps Base Hawaii - Environmental Report

2 December 2023

Response to P-8 Mishap

Environmental conditions remained stable over the last 24 hours. There is no indication of a release of contaminants of potential concern into the environment.

P-8A recovery using roller bags began at approximately 0630 and continued through the day. Wildlife monitors, spill response teams, as well as partners from the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) were on site to observe the process. No concerns were identified throughout the recovery operation.

Environmental Protective Measures largely remain the same. While the risk of potential spills are minimal, triple boom and fresh sorbent sweeps will remain around the aircraft during the P-8A removal and post-recovery dives. Equipment and supplies for freshwater rinse collection and spill response were prepared on site. The primary P-8A rinse plan is to use a wash rack with oil water separator. The secondary plan is on the aircraft parking apron using spill prevention materials and pumps to capture and transfer water to an oil water separator.

Post salvage dives are expected to begin on 3 Dec 2023 with DAR, NOAA, USFWS, US Navy, and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The purpose of the dive is to conduct a thorough assessment of natural resources in the crash site and perform emergency coral restoration.