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Agenda

- WHY a webinar?
- Overview
- Independent Red Hill Registry
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Medical Record Review
- How to Stay Informed
- Questions and Answers





Overview

- 20 November 2021: JP-5 aviation fuel release at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility
- JP-5 and fuel additives entered Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam water system
- Estimated 90K people potentially exposed
 - 90% DoD-affiliated
- Sudden rise in illnesses consistent with JP-5 exposure
 - Examples: rash, nausea, vomiting, headache
 - Overall return to baseline





Independent Red Hill Registry

- What is an exposure registry?
 - A <u>system</u> of <u>ongoing follow-up</u> of <u>people</u> who have had documented environmental exposures
- Must enroll voluntarily to be included
- Grant to independent organization, such as university
- Long term
- Best means to study long-term health impacts from fuel release





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- Exploratory investigation reviewed 653 medical records
- Complemented prior CDC community surveys
- Requested by Defense Health Agency Public Health
- Limitation: <u>Not</u> a random sample
- 55% of <u>records reviewed</u> had a worsened or new persistent documented concern

(NOTE: <u>NOT</u> 55% of all exposed or at risk of exposure to fuel release)

Medical record review reinforced the need for an Independent Red Hill Registry





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How to Stay Informed

• Website:

https://ph.health.mil/topics/campaigns/red-hill-public-health/

- E-Updates: <u>https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USMHS/subscriber/new?topic</u> <u>id=USMHS_161</u>
- Send questions to Red Hill Health org box: <u>dha.redhill@health.mil</u>
- Webinars





Question/Answer Session



