



The War Profiteer Who Stole Christmas

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The US Navy stores up to 250 million gallons of fuel tanks buried 100 feet above O'ahu's 'sole source' aquifer.

In late 2021, toxic quantities of that fuel leaked from the Red Hill fuel facility into Navy water lines that provide water to 93,000 people.

On Dec. 23rd, Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro released this Holiday video.

Carlos Del Toro (CDT): Happy holidays, everyone. I'm secretary of the Navy, Carlos del Toro. My wife, Betty, and I would like to wish all our sailors, marines, civilians and military families a happy and healthy holiday season. Whether you're at home in the states for the holidays or serving around the world, we are incredibly grateful for everything that you do.

In it, he does not make a single mention of any of the families suffering in Hawai'i due to the Navy's negligence.

Meanwhile, thousands of people on O'ahu spent Christmas displaced by the crisis.

Countless civilian families now in need of aid were also poisoned by the contaminated water. Many could suffer lifelong health issues due to petroleum hydrocarbon exposure 350 times above the "safe limit".

Despite mass public outcry, the Secretary of the Navy refuses to defuel and permanently #ShutDownRedHill. In a recent press conference, Secretary Del Toro even went so far as to state the following:

CDT: Well, it's not the fuel ITSELF that's making them sick, it's the fuel in the WATER that's making them sick.

This indifference to suffering makes a lot more sense looking at Secretary Del Toro's public financial disclosures.

Before Carlos Del Toro became Secretary of the Navy, he founded SBG Technology Solutions, a defence contractor. On top of his \$312,555 annual salary at SBG, Del Toro also held somewhere between \$25-50 million in owner equity.

Much of what leaked into drinking water was fuel for ships at Pearl Harbor.

As a defence contractor involved in “shipbuilding”, SBG stands to benefit from the uninterrupted operations of the Red Hill Fuel Facility.

Shutting down Red Hill would force the gears of the US War Machine to grind to a halt. The state of Hawai'i issued an Emergency Order to defuel Red Hill. This was Del Toro's response...

CDT: In fact, there was a press release that was recently released by the Governor and the delegation, and I'm taking that request and their suggestions very seriously.

Reporter: Is it a request sir? Or is it an order? What do you consider it?

CDT: It's not an order, it's a request that's being made.

On Christmas Day, Aedyn- Rhys King, Kapilina Beach Homes resident, Native Hawaiian and Army veteran, organised a relief effort for his community.

With O'ahu Water Protectors, residents distributed gifts and basic needs that the US Navy failed to provide to civilian victims of the Red Hill crisis.

Aedyn-Rhys King (ARK): The Navy and the Kapilina Beach Homes blatantly lied to the community about our water being poisoned by the jet fuel leak. A lot of residents were still showering, bathing their kids and having all of these side effects, they trusted what our property managers and the Navy were saying.

Mandie Ruiz (MR): I haven't seen nothing from anybody. I haven't gotten any help. Yeah, they give you the run-around. For what? Because somebody doesn't want to be liable for telling you something that they're not supposed to tell us?! What's really up?

Kapilina Beach Homes management is still charging affected households living in fuel-contaminated homes.

The US Navy under Sec. Del Toro's command has yet to provide direct financial assistance to civilian Kapilina residents.

MR: They need to shut down Red Hill immediately, like today, now!

ARK: They need to shut it down. They should have shut it down a long time ago and it should've never been there in the first place.

Xavier Bonilla: I think Del Toro and the Navy refusing to shut down Red Hill shows how much he doesn't care about us, the people. They know, and they've been knowing that this is a disaster. They need to shut it down, decommission, defuel. Just get it out of here. And don't put it anywhere else. We don't need it anywhere else on this island. It's already suffered enough.

Over 180 million gallons of fuel still sit in Red Hill's leaking tanks that the Navy has yet to remove.

SHUT DOWN REDHILL

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