

DETERMINATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Under the authority delegated to me by the Secretary of Defense, I have determined that the following information is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 3 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3)) because it meets the requirements for exemption under 10 U.S.C. § 130e:

Locations and production rates of U.S. Navy-owned water production wells on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii.

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**STATEMENT OF THE BASIS FOR THE DETERMINATION BY
THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION**

In accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 130e, I reviewed information regarding the locations and water production rates for United States Navy's water production wells on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii. I determined this information qualifies as DoD critical infrastructure security information (DCRIT), as defined by 10 U.S.C. § 130e, because the disclosure of well locations and pump rates would reveal the primary water source for bases and commands on and adjacent to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam which are critical to national security. As defined by 10 U.S.C. § 130e, DCRIT includes:

“...sensitive but unclassified information that, if disclosed, would reveal vulnerabilities in Department of Defense critical infrastructure that, if exploited, would likely result in the significant disruption, destruction, or damage of or to Department of Defense operations, property, or facilities, including information regarding the securing and safeguarding of explosives, hazardous chemicals, or pipelines, related to critical infrastructure or protected systems owned or operated by or on behalf of the Department of Defense, including vulnerability assessments prepared by or on behalf of the Department of Defense, explosives safety information (including storage and handling), and other site-specific information on or relating to installation security.”

The disclosure of Navy well pump rates and their locations would reveal the primary water source for Department of Defense (DoD) installations on and adjacent to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Exploitation of this information, individually or in the aggregate, would likely endanger public health and safety and result in significant disruption, destruction, or damage of or to DoD operations, personnel, property, or facilities.

I considered the public interest in the disclosure of well locations and production rates against the risk of harm that might result if this information was exploited by an adversary. The U.S. Navy already discloses information on water quality from these wells to the State of Hawaii Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for further distribution to the public. The harm that would likely result from disclosure of the well locations and pump rates is very serious and extremely significant. Therefore, the public interest consideration does not outweigh the national security risk posed by disclosure.