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At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. 1058. STUDY ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO

PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONATE AND

PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID FROM FIRE-FIGHTING FOAM USED AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, shall carry out a study on any health effects experienced by individuals who are exposed to perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid from firefighting foam used at military installations or former military installations, including exposure through a well that provides water for human consumption that the Secretary determines is contaminated with perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid from such firefighting foam.
(b) DESIGN OF STUDY.—The Secretary shall ensure that the study under subsection (a) meets the following criteria:

(1) The study includes a review of relevant literature.

(2) The study includes community input through community advisory groups or focus groups.

(3) The study identifies existing research regarding health effects relating to exposure described in subsection (a).

(4) The study includes protocols based on expertise from epidemiologists.

(5) The study identifies and characterizes one or more sources of water contamination and collects preliminary information on the magnitude and distribution of such exposure.

(6) Based on the information learned under paragraphs (1) through (5), the study determines the specific health effects and perfluorooctane sulfonates and perfluorooctanoic acids to evaluate.

(7) The study includes biomonitoring from a sample of community members, including with respect to specific subgroups considered at risk for such exposure.
(8) The study collects data on possible biological changes potentially associated with such exposure.

(9) The study includes detailed exposure and health questionnaires.

(10) The study includes the review of medical records.

(11) The study analyzes data for an association between such exposure and potential health effects.

(c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than five years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees the study under subsection (a). The Secretary shall make such study publicly available pursuant to section 122a of title 10, United States Code.