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At the end of title V, add the following:

SEC. 507. STUDY ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF WASTE RELATED TO MANHATTAN PROJECT ON CERTAIN VETERANS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study on the health trends of veterans who, while serving in the active military, naval, air, or space service—

(1) participated in activities relating to the Manhattan Project (including activities relating to covered waste) in connection with such service; or

(2) resided at or near, as determined by the Secretary, the locations described in subsection (b).

(b) COVERED LOCATIONS.—The locations described in this subsection are the following locations in the county of St. Louis, Missouri:

(1) Coldwater Creek.

(2) The St. Louis Airport Site.

(3) The West Lake Landfill.
(4) Any other location in the county of St. Louis, Missouri that is proximate to covered waste, as determined by the Secretary.

(e) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a) shall assess, with respect to each veteran included in the study, the following:

(1) The age, gender, and race of the veteran.

(2) The period and location of exposure to covered waste.

(3) Any type of cancer, or other illness associated with toxic exposure, that the veteran has.

(4) A comparison of the overall health condition of the veteran, including any illness of the veteran identified pursuant to paragraph (3), with the overall health condition of past and present civilian populations residing at the same location of exposure.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the study under subsection (a).

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered waste” means any waste arising from activities carried out in connection with the Manhattan Project.
(2) The term “illness” has the meaning given that term in section 1171 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 202.

(3) The term “toxic exposure” has the meaning given that term in section 101 of such title, as added by section 102(b).