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At the end of subtitle B of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3. REPORT ON CLEAN UP OF CONTAMINATED ARMY PROPERTY.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) There are numerous properties that were under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army, such as former Nike missile sites, but that have been transferred to units of local government.

(2) Many of these properties may remain polluted because of activity by the Department of Defense.

(3) This pollution may inhibit the use of these properties for commercial or residential purposes.

(4) Knowledge and understanding of the impacts of contaminants from Department of Defense activities have developed and changed over time.

(5) The Department of Defense has an obligation to facilitate the clean-up of such pollutants even
after the sites have been transferred to local governments.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report that contains each of the following:

(1) A plan to facilitate the clean-up of each contaminated property that was under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army and subsequently transferred to a unit of local government.

(2) An identification of any site where the Department of the Army has previously conducted clean-up activities but due to contaminants not discovered until after transfer or newly identified contaminants, additional clean-up may be necessary.

(3) An explanation of how any site identified under paragraph (2) is to be prioritized relative to other sites, such as active sites or sites set for transfer.

(4) A detailed plan to conduct preliminary assessments and site inspections for each site identified under paragraph (2) by not later than five years after the date of the submittal of the report.