AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. 10. CERTIFICATION AND REPORT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL RELATING TO MILITARY AVIATION AND INSTALLATION ASSURANCE SITING CLEARINGHOUSE.

(a) Certification.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall certify in writing that—

(1) offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas will not weaken, degrade, interfere with, or nullify the capability of radar and sonar relied upon by the Armed Forces; and

(2) the development of offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas will not degrade the capabilities of the Armed Forces or limit their ability to conduct combat operations and training.

(b) Audit and Report by Inspector General.—
(1) Audit and Report.—The Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall conduct an audit and report to Congress on the operations, policies, certifications, and recommendations of the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse, since its inception, regarding the approval of offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas. Such report shall also include the following:

(A) An investigation of the sufficiency of the process for approving offshore wind developments, and their impact on military readiness and maritime rescue operations.

(B) A specific study of the impacts of such projects on shore based and maritime radar, ship based and underwater sonar capabilities.

(C) A determination whether any offshore wind project in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas will impact, compromise, interfere with, or nullify the usage of radar and sonar technologies utilized by the Armed Forces and any agencies carrying out space launch programs.

(D) A determination whether any offshore wind project in the North Atlantic and Mid-At-
Atlantic Planning Areas will impact, compromise, or inhibit the ability of the United States Coast Guard to conduct maritime safety and life-saving operations.

(E) An assessment of how offshore wind energy projects impact low-level military airspace off the Atlantic Coast.

(F) A determination whether the input of scientific experts and installation commanders charged with the daily operation of securing the homeland, Armed Forces training missions, or maritime rescue operations were sufficiently weighed while determining the approval of offshore wind projects.

(G) A determination whether any considerations were given to the defense of offshore critical energy infrastructure during a time of conflict, and if so, what capabilities are required to safeguard said critical offshore energy infrastructure from maritime threats.

(H) An identification of which Department of Defense missions are no longer realistic due to approved and under development offshore wind turbine projects.

(J) A determination whether analysis from local military installation commanders of mitigation measure effectiveness were sufficiently incorporated into project approvals.

(K) A determination whether approved offshore wind projects, and yet undeveloped offshore wind leasing areas significantly alter military operations, degrade capability development, and present risks to national security.

(2) SURVEY REQUIRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall conduct a survey of individuals directly responsible for installations and units effected by offshore wind development projects, including those currently underway and those proposed, with respect to—

(i) mission critical capabilities related to radar interference, sonar interference,
lifesaving operations, and training missions; and

(ii) the sufficiency of local military installation commander input in the approval process.

(B) REPORT.—The Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the survey required by subparagraph (A) not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The reports required under subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2)(B) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.