

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

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

1 **SEC. 10__ . CERTIFICATION AND REPORT BY INSPECTOR**
2 **GENERAL RELATING TO MILITARY AVIATION**
3 **AND INSTALLATION ASSURANCE SITING**
4 **CLEARINGHOUSE.**

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

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

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

18 (b) AUDIT AND REPORT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

1 (1) AUDIT AND REPORT.—The Inspector Gen-
2 eral of the Department of Defense shall conduct an
3 audit and report to Congress on the operations, poli-
4 cies, certifications, and recommendations of the Mili-
5 tary Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting
6 Clearinghouse, since its inception, regarding the ap-
7 proval of offshore wind projects in the North Atlan-
8 tic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas. Such report
9 shall also include the following:

10 (A) An investigation of the sufficiency of
11 the process for approving offshore wind develop-
12 ments, and their impact on military readiness
13 and maritime rescue operations.

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

17 (C) A determination whether any offshore
18 wind project in the North Atlantic and Mid-At-
19 lantic Planning Areas will impact, compromise,
20 interfere with, or nullify the usage of radar and
21 sonar technologies utilized by the Armed Forces
22 and any agencies carrying out space launch pro-
23 grams.

24 (D) A determination whether any offshore
25 wind project in the North Atlantic and Mid-At-

1 lantic Planning Areas will impact, compromise,
2 or inhibit the ability of the United States Coast
3 Guard to conduct maritime safety and life-
4 saving operations.

5 (E) An assessment of how offshore wind
6 energy projects impact low-level military air-
7 space off the Atlantic Coast.

8 (F) A determination whether the input of
9 scientific experts and installation commanders
10 charged with the daily operation of securing the
11 homeland, Armed Forces training missions, or
12 maritime rescue operations were sufficiently
13 weighed while determining the approval of off-
14 shore wind projects.

15 (G) A determination whether any consider-
16 ations were given to the defense of offshore crit-
17 ical energy infrastructure during a time of con-
18 flict, and if so, what capabilities are required to
19 safeguard said critical offshore energy infra-
20 structure from maritime threats.

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

1 (I) A determination whether mitigation
2 strategies laid out in the 2016 Report on the
3 Impact of Wind Energy Developments on Mili-
4 tary Installations are sufficient, achievable and,
5 realistic.

6 (J) A determination whether analysis from
7 local military installation commanders of miti-
8 gation measure effectiveness were sufficiently
9 incorporated into project approvals.

10 (K) A determination whether approved off-
11 shore wind projects, and yet undeveloped off-
12 shore wind leasing areas significantly alter mili-
13 tary operations, degrade capability development,
14 and present risks to national security.

15 (2) SURVEY REQUIRED.—

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

24 (i) mission critical capabilities related
25 to radar interference, sonar interference,

1 lifesaving operations, and training mis-
2 sions; and

3 (ii) the sufficiency of local military in-
4 stallation commander input in the approval
5 process.

6 (B) REPORT.—The Inspector General of
7 the Department of Defense shall submit to Con-
8 gress a report containing the results of the sur-
9 vey required by subparagraph (A) not later
10 than 180 days after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act.

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

