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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Community Cleanup Act”.
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SEC. 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

(a) PROPOSED PLAN.—Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9617(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking ‘‘.’’ at the end and inserting ‘‘, including the highest ranking official of the local government with jurisdiction over the facility subject to the plan.’’; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting ‘‘(including comments regarding use of the facility at issue after remedial action is taken)’’ after ‘‘written and oral comments’’.

(b) FINAL PLAN.—Section 117(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9617(b)) is amended by inserting ‘‘, and transmitted to all local, elected officials with jurisdiction over the facility subject to the plan,’’ after ‘‘available to the public’’.

(c) PUBLICATION.—Section 117(d) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9617(d)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ‘‘and require’’ after ‘‘publication shall include’’; and

(2) by striking ‘‘general circulation.’’ and inserting ‘‘general circulation (if available), announcement sent to a radio station, or television station,
the broadcast area of which includes the community surrounding the facility at issue, relevant and appropriate digital or social media publications, and posting to the website of the President, State, or other person who, as appropriate, is proposing to adopt a plan for remediation under section 104, 106, 120, or 122.”.