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To require an Air Force report on perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonates (PFOS) contamination at certain military installations and require reparation for identified contaminated sites and affected areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AIR FORCE REPORT ON PERFLUOROOCTANOIC**
2 **ACID (PFOA) AND PERFLUOROOCTANE**
3 **SULFONATES (PFOS) CONTAMINATION AT**
4 **CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) An increasing number of communities
8 across New York have reportedly identified the pres-
9 ence of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and
10 perfluorooctane sulfonates (PFOS), which can con-
11 taminate water and cause adverse health effects.

12 (2) According to reports, levels of PFOA and
13 PFOS have been detected in the public and private
14 water supplies in the cities of Newburgh and Platts-
15 burgh and the towns of Hoosick Falls and
16 Petersburg, New York. Public and private wells in
17 these communities are being tested by the New York
18 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
19 and the New York Department of Health (DOH).

20 (3) The Environmental Protection Agency
21 (EPA) has identified PFOA as an “emerging con-
22 taminant”, and in 2009, the EPA issued an updated
23 provisional health advisory for drinking water of 70
24 parts per trillion for PFOA and PFOS.

25 (b) REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 of the Air Force, in collaboration with the Adminis-
4 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall
5 submit to Congress a report on perfluorooctanoic
6 acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonates (PFOS)
7 contamination at Stewart Air National Guard Base,
8 Newburgh, Plattsburgh, Hoosick Falls, and
9 Petersburgh, New York, and any other sites the Sec-
10 retary determines appropriate.

11 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
12 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

13 (A) An accelerated timeline and status on
14 the inspection and cleanup at Stewart Air Na-
15 tional Guard Base, Newburgh, Plattsburgh,
16 Hoosick Falls, and Petersburgh, New York.

17 (B) An update on the Air Force's efforts
18 to identify and notify everyone potentially af-
19 fected or impacted by the contamination.

20 (C) An assessment of the Air Force's role,
21 if any, in the new contaminations.

22 (D) A summary of the Air Force's support,
23 where appropriate, for the EPA with respect to
24 the latest contaminations.

1 (E) A detailed proposal mandating the fi-
2 nancial compensation and reimbursement for
3 cleanup, water accessibility interim programs,
4 and water source filtration initiatives in the
5 event the Air Force is responsible for the con-
6 tamination pursuant to the Comprehensive En-
7 vironmental Response, Compensation, and Li-
8 ability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

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