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To require the Secretary of Defense to submit a strategy to accelerate the response efforts of the Department of Defense with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances from the activities of the Department.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. PETERS 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. STRATEGY TO ACCELERATE REMEDIATION OF**
2 **CONTAMINATION FROM PERFLUOROALKYL**
3 **SUBSTANCES AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUB-**
4 **STANCES.**

5 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
7 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a
8 strategy to accelerate the response efforts of the Depart-
9 ment of Defense with respect to releases of perfluoroalkyl
10 substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances from the activi-
11 ties of the Department. Consistent with CERCLA, the
12 strategy shall include—

13 (1) criteria that the Department uses to
14 prioritize response actions on military installations
15 and National Guard facilities based on relative risk
16 to human health and the environment, including
17 concentrations of releases of perfluoroalkyl sub-
18 stances or polyfluoroalkyl substances, migration
19 pathways, and proximity to receptors;

20 (2) timelines for completing each phase of the
21 cleanup process under CERCLA with respect to
22 such releases for each such military installation or
23 National Guard facility;

24 (3) a plan for deploying additional technologies,
25 personnel, or other resources to reduce delays to re-
26 mediation efforts, including an identification of—

1 (A) the number of laboratories accredited
2 by the environmental laboratory accreditation
3 program of the Department to test for the pres-
4 ence of perfluoroalkyl substances and
5 polyfluoroalkyl substances; and

6 (B) the number of laboratories in the proc-
7 ess of being so accredited; and

8 (4) benchmarks for evaluating the performance
9 of each military department or Defense Agency in
10 reducing the relative risk with respect to response
11 efforts to address releases of perfluoroalkyl sub-
12 stances and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

13 (b) PUBLIC DASHBOARD.—Not later than one year
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
15 shall publish on a publicly accessible website of the De-
16 partment, an online dashboard that provides information
17 on the actions of the Department, including each military
18 department, addressing releases of perfluoroalkyl sub-
19 stances and polyfluoroalkyl substances from activities of
20 the Department. The dashboard shall be updated on a
21 semiannual basis and shall include a summary of—

22 (1) funding that has been obligated or expended
23 address such releases, disaggregated by each military
24 installation or National Guard facility with respect
25 to which efforts are planned or underway;

1 (2) the status of response efforts to address
2 such releases under the applicable phase of the
3 cleanup process under CERCLA, including the sta-
4 tus of any interim removal actions, at each such site;

5 (3) projected and actual timelines for the com-
6 pletion of response actions with respect to such re-
7 leases at each such site; and

8 (4) points of contact for community engage-
9 ment.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The terms “CERCLA”, “National Guard
12 facility”, “removal”, and “response” have the mean-
13 ings given those terms in section 2700 of title 10,
14 United States Code.

15 (2) The term “Defense Agency” has the mean-
16 ing given such term in section 101(a) of title 10,
17 United States Code.

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