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H. R. 3747

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and 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 Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “On or Under Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DISTURBANCE OF THE SUB-**
2 **SURFACE OF NPL SITES.**

3 (a) ACQUISITION OF MINERAL RIGHTS.—Upon the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Government
5 shall acquire all the current existing mineral rights, in-
6 cluding lease interests, that exist in the subsurface of fed-
7 erally owned sites listed on the National Priorities List
8 under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-
9 pensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et
10 seq.).

11 (b) PROHIBITION.—Upon acquiring such subsurface
12 mineral rights, unless for the purposes of site clean-up,
13 the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agen-
14 cy shall prohibit, through restrictive covenant or other ap-
15 propriate mechanism, any drilling, excavation, or other
16 disturbance of the federally owned subsurface beneath a
17 site listed on the National Priorities List under the Com-
18 prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and
19 Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

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