STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

Introduced by Sen. RHOADS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the Bethpage community park cleanup independent state monitorship

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 15-0518 to read as follows:

§ 15-0518. Bethpage community park cleanup independent state monitorship.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an independent state monitorship shall be established to oversee the containment, remediation, excavation and cleanup of the groundwater plume associated with the Northrop Grumman Bethpage Facility and Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant sites in the hamlet of Bethpage within the town of Oyster Bay and compliance by Northrop Grumman and any other parties responsible for such containment, remediation, excavation and cleanup with any operative consent decrees, consent judgments, settlements, or agreements. The independent state monitorship shall consist of the county executive of Nassau county or their designee; the town supervisor of the town of Oyster Bay or their designee; members of the assembly whose districts represent the town of Oyster Bay; members of the senate whose districts represent the town of Oyster Bay; and the commissioner or their designee. Upon the issuance of relevant findings by the independent state monitorship demonstrating noncompliance with any operative consent decrees, consent judgments, settlements, or agreements by Northrop Grumman or the federal government, the office of the attorney general shall pursue affirmative litigation remedies resulting in actual remediation and appropriate damages. The independent state monitorship shall report its findings to the governor; the attorney general; the temporary president of the senate; the speaker of the assembly; the minority leader of the senate; and the minority leader of the assembly within one hundred eighty days of its first meeting.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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