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SEC. 2815. FORMER NAVAL BOMBARDMENT AREA, CULEBRA ISLAND, PUERTO RICO.

(a) Study Required.--At the request of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study relating to the presence of unexploded ordnance in a portion of the former bombardment area at Culebra Island, Puerto Rico, transferred to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico by quitclaim deed. The Secretary shall complete the study within 270 days after receiving the request from the Commonwealth.

(b) Contents of Study.--The study shall include a specific assessment of Flamenco Beach located within the former bombardment area and shall include the following elements for each area:

(1)   An estimate of the type and amount of unexploded ordnance.

(2)   An estimate of the cost of removing unexploded ordnance.

(3)   An examination of the impact of such removal on any endangered or threatened species and their habitat.

(4)   An examination of current public access to the former bombardment area.

(5)   An examination of any threats to public health or safety and the environment from unexploded ordnance.

(c) Consultation With Commonwealth.--In conducting the study, the Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico regarding the Commonwealth's planned future uses of the former bombardment area. The Secretary shall consider the Commonwealth's planned future uses in developing any conclusions or recommendations the Secretary may include in the study.

(d) Definitions.--In this section:

(1)   The term "quitclaim deed" refers to the quitclaim deed from the United States to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, signed by the

Secretary of the Interior on August 11, 1982, for that portion of Tract (1b) consisting of the former bombardment area on the island of Culebra, Puerto Rico.

(2) The term "unexploded ordnance" has the meaning given that term by section 101(e)(5) of title 10, United States Code.