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To provide for the closure and disposal of the Pueblo Chemical Depot,
Pueblo County, Colorado.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BENNET) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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Chemical Depot, Pueblo County, Colorado.

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 “Promoting Utilization
5 and Economic Benefits from Land Optimization (PUEB-
6 LO) Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. CLOSURE AND DISPOSAL OF THE PUEBLO CHEM-**
8 **ICAL DEPOT, PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall
10 close the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo County, Colo-

1 rado (in this section referred to as the “Depot”), not later
2 than one year after the completion of the chemical demili-
3 tarization mission at such location in accordance with the
4 Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Pro-
5 duction, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and
6 on their Destruction, done at Geneva September 3, 1992,
7 and entered into force April 29, 1997 (commonly referred
8 to as the “Chemical Weapons Convention”).

9 (b) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary of the Army shall
10 carry out the closure and subsequent related property
11 management and disposal of the Depot, including the
12 land, buildings, structures, infrastructure, and associated
13 equipment, installed equipment, material, and personal
14 property that comprise the Chemical Agent-Destruction
15 Pilot Plant, in accordance with the procedures and au-
16 thorities for the closure, management, and disposal of
17 property under the Defense Base Closure and Realign-
18 ment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law
19 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note).

20 (c) OFFICE OF LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY CO-
21 OPERATION ACTIVITIES.—The Office of Local Defense
22 Community Cooperation of the Department of Defense
23 may make grants and supplement other Federal funds
24 pursuant to section 2391 of title 10, United States Code,
25 to support closure and reuse activities of the Depot.

1 (d) TREATMENT OF EXISTING PERMITS.—Nothing in
2 this section shall be construed to prevent the removal or
3 demolition by the Program Executive Office, Assembled
4 Chemical Weapons Alternatives of the Department of the
5 Army of existing buildings, structures, infrastructure, and
6 associated equipment, installed equipment, material, and
7 personal property of the Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot
8 Plant at the Depot in accordance with Hazardous Waste
9 Permit Number CO–20–09–02–01 under the Solid Waste
10 Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) (commonly known
11 as the “Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of
12 1976”) issued by the State of Colorado, or any associated
13 or follow-on permits under such Act.

14 (e) HOMELESS USE.—Given the nature of activities
15 undertaken at the Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant
16 at the Depot, such land, buildings, structures, infrastruc-
17 ture, and associated equipment, installed equipment, ma-
18 terial, and personal property comprising the Chemical
19 Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant is deemed unsuitable for
20 homeless use and, in carrying out any closure, manage-
21 ment, or disposal of property under this section, need not
22 be screened for homeless use purposes pursuant to section
23 2905(b)(7) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment

1 Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–
2 510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note).

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