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Providing clean drinking water for the people of Long Island is one of the most important functions that the local, state and federal government should provide. EPA appreciates Senator Schumer's focus on the need for a more timely and comprehensive clean up of the toxic contamination from the Navy/Northrop Grumman toxic site in Bethpage, New York. This has been a complicated and long-term problem that needs the focused attention of all levels of government. There is no question that the polluters, and not taxpayers, should pay for the full cost of the clean up and that preventing drinking water contamination should drive this work on Long Island. EPA, working in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will play an active role and do everything possible to address this legacy of toxic pollution.