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The Environmental Protection Agency still hasn't regulated PFAS in drinking water, so military bases are off the hook for now. For the needed clean up of military and civilian PFAS-contaminated sites, now is the time to cut the military arms budget and free up hundreds of millions of dollars.

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