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# H. R. 2303

To define the term “covered waste” for purposes of the Department of Defense prohibition on the disposal of certain waste in open-air burn pits.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SHEA-PORTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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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 “Save Our Soldiers’  
5 Lungs Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON DISPOSING OF**  
7 **WASTE IN OPEN-AIR BURN PITS.**

8 For the purposes of Department of Defense Instruc-  
9 tion 4715.19, issued as required by section 317 of the Na-  
10 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010

1 (Public Law 111–84; 10 U.S.C. 2701 note) or any suc-  
2 cessor instruction, the term “covered waste” specifically  
3 includes, in addition to the materials already specified in  
4 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(2) of such  
5 section, the following:

6 (1) Tires.

7 (2) Treated wood.

8 (3) Batteries.

9 (4) Plastics, except insignificant amounts of  
10 plastic remaining after a good-faith effort to remove  
11 or recover plastic materials from the solid waste  
12 stream.

13 (5) Munitions and explosives, the destruction of  
14 which is covered in Department of Defense Instruc-  
15 tion 6055.09–M (Reference (i)).

16 (6) Compressed gas cylinders, unless empty  
17 with valves removed.

18 (7) Fuel containers, unless completely evacu-  
19 ated of its contents.

20 (8) Aerosol cans.

21 (9) Polychlorinated biphenyls.

22 (10) Petroleum, oils, and lubricants products  
23 (other than waste fuel for initial combustion).

24 (11) Asbestos.

25 (12) Mercury.

- 1 (13) Foam tent material.
- 2 (14) Any item containing any of the materials
- 3 referred to in a preceding paragraph.

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