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Art, a couple of GAO studies perhaps helpful on estimating cleanup costs at DoD installations.

In GAO-02-117:

“However, we found that corresponding real property records are not reliable and cost estimating methodologies are not standardized. Further, we found that DOD does not have the policies and formalized processes in place to systematically accumulate, maintain, and report site and cost data at a department wide level, as well as to ensure that these data are complete. As a result, DOD’s financial statements likely do not present an accurate, comprehensive report of its environmental liabilities as required by federal accounting standards.” Page 15

The remaining 176 sites were not included in DERP reporting, and of the \$259 million in estimated cleanup costs, \$198 million, **or 76 percent, was not reported** through DERP and therefore likely not reported in DOD’s financial statements.<sup>13</sup> Page 12