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A model of a fighter jet outside former Grumman Corp. plant in Bethpage, N.Y., in 2014.

FRANK ELTMAN / AP

The U.S. Navy has opposed New York State's plan to clean up the toxic plume in Bethpage created by a defense manufacturing plant decades ago.

The Navy called the state's plan flawed, saying that it's not based on science and would interfere with remediation plans it already has for the area.

The state plans to install miles of pipes and treatment systems worth \$585 million to clean up contaminants that have spread into the groundwater from a defense manufacturing plant owned by Northrop Grumman.

Governor Andrew Cuomo has said that the state will sue Northrop Grumman and the Navy to be reimbursed for the costs.

It would take five years to implement the state's plan and 110 years to complete the cleanup of the Bethpage plume.

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