This terminal studio preparatory seminar will explore the peaceful repurposing of former Titan I nuclear missile sites in California and Washington. Vast environmental, human and financial resources were invested in these complexes, only for them to be abandoned after just three years. Despite being privately owned for decades, their unusual underground spaces have meant that few have been effectively reused, and many are now poisoning the ground around them. As a means of aiding the clean-up of the sites, making their interior spaces more accessible, and shedding light on an important chapter in US history, the studio will explore re-excavating the land around the underground structures and adding new buildings appropriate to their adaptive reuse. The seminar is a prerequisite for the terminal studio and will analyze sites, precedents and potential programs.

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