Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) is a federal law that provides partial restitution to individuals who can show evidence they developed certain serious illnesses following exposure to radiation from the U.S. nuclear weapons program or their survivors. RECA was reauthorized on July 4, 2025.

Impacted individuals may be eligible for a one-time payment of $100,000

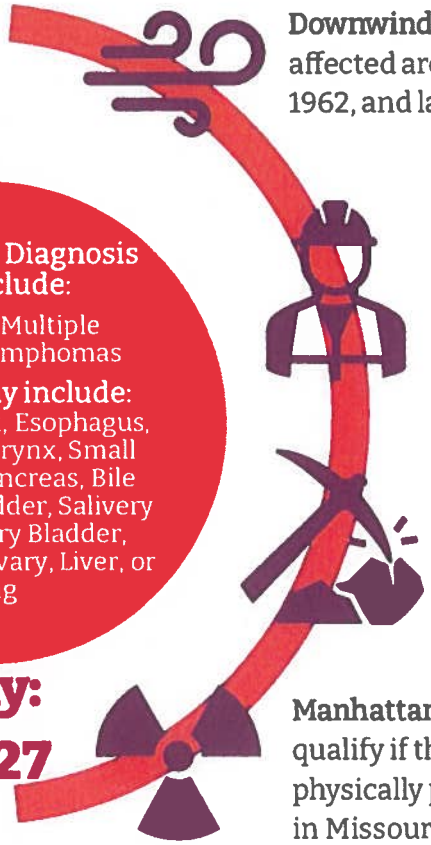
A Qualifying Diagnosis may include:

Leukemia, Multiple Myeloma, Lymphomas

Cancers may include:

Thyroid, Breast, Esophagus, Stomach, Pharynx, Small Instestine, Pancreas, Bile Ducts, Gall Bladder, Salivery Gland, Urinary Bladder, Brain, Colon, Ovary, Liver, or Lung

Deadline to apply: December 31, 2027



Downwinders: you may get compensation if you lived in an affected area between September 24, 1944, and November 6, 1962, and later developed one of the covered diseases or cancers.

Onsite Participants: may be eligible for compensations if they were present at a government installation during a test of a nuclear device and contracted a compensable disease before January 1, 1963.

Uranium Workers may qualify if they were employed for at least one year at certain locations as a uranium miner, miller, core driller, transporter, or were involved in remediation efforts and were diagnosed with a specified compensable disease.

Manhattan Project Waste Contamination: Individuals may qualify if they developed a covered illness after being physically present for at least two years after January 1, 1949, in Missouri, Tennessee, Alaska, or Kentucky.

For additional information please visit the following webpage:

reca.doh.nm.gov or contact NMDOH Helpline at 1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773) or text NMDOH (66364)

File a claim online: https://reca.justice.gov/ClaimsPortal

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