

Do I Qualify?

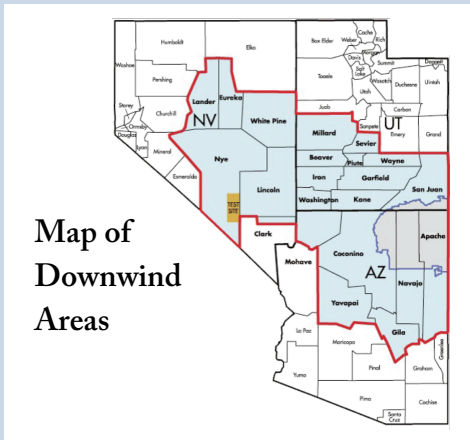
Onsite Participants

- Military or civilian personnel and contractors who participated onsite in an above-ground nuclear test conducted by the United States.



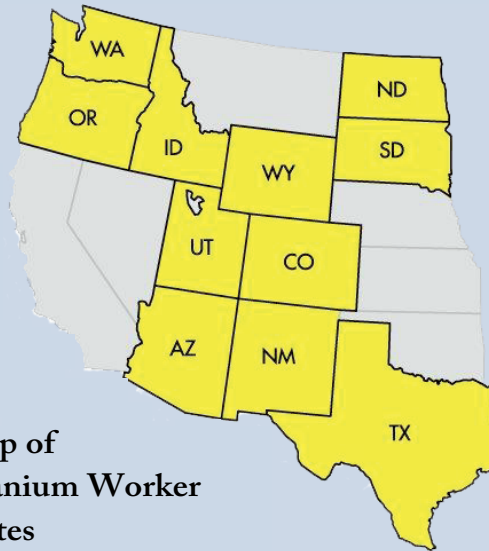
Downwinders

- Individuals that lived or worked in specified counties for at least two years during the period January 21, 1951 – October 31, 1958, or for the entire time period of June 30 – July 31, 1962.



Uranium Workers

- Individuals employed in uranium mines, uranium mills, or uranium ore transporting operations located in a covered state between January 1, 1942, and December 31, 1971:



Map of Uranium Worker States

- The individual must have been employed as a miner, miller, or ore transporter for at least one year during the statutory exposure period.
- If employed as a uranium miner, the individual may alternatively show exposure to 40 or more working level months (WLMs) of radiation during covered employment.

Compensable Illnesses

Onsite Participants and Downwinders:

- Leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and primary cancers of the: thyroid, male or female breast, esophagus, stomach, pharynx, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary bladder, brain, colon, ovary, liver, or lung.

Uranium Miners:

- Lung cancer and certain nonmalignant respiratory diseases.

Uranium Millers and Ore Transporters:

- Lung cancer, certain nonmalignant respiratory diseases, renal cancer and chronic renal disease.

Proof of identity, exposure and illness are required to receive compensation.

Summary

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act was passed to compensate people who may have been exposed to radiation during the U.S. Cold War efforts.

As a result of atmospheric nuclear tests, or the production of uranium for weapons development, thousands were exposed to known radiation hazards. In response, Congress created RECA to provide an apology and monetary compensation to these individuals and their families for the presumed consequences of exposure.

Deadline for Claims

All claims under RECA must be filed by July 9, 2022.



Please contact us to obtain a claim form:

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Radiation Exposure
Compensation Program
P.O. Box 146
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044-0146
Phone: 1-800-729-RECP
(1-800-729-7327)
E-mail: civil.reca@usdoj.gov
www.justice.gov/civil/common/reca

U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Division



Have you or a loved one suffered from an illness following the testing of nuclear weapons or production of uranium for the Nation's defense?

If so, you may be eligible for compensation.