

# Radiation Exposure Compensation Program\*

On October 5, 1990, Congress passed the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, which provides payments to individuals who have developed certain diseases as a result of their exposure to radiation during atmospheric nuclear weapons testing or employment in underground uranium mines. A surviving family member may be able to apply for the compensation if the individual that developed the disease has died.

**To receive compensation, the following criteria must be met:**

## Onsite Participants

1) Must have been present "onsite" above or within the official boundaries of the Nevada, Pacific, Trinity, or South Atlantic Test Sites at any time during a period of atmospheric nuclear testing (before January 1, 1963) and must have "participated" during that time in the atmospheric detonation of a nuclear device.

**AND**

2) Must have developed at least one of the following specific diseases:

- Leukemia (excluding chronic lymphocytic leukemia);
- Multiple myeloma;
- Lymphomas (excluding Hodgkin's);
- Primary cancer of lung, thyroid, male or female breast, salivary gland, esophagus, stomach, pharynx, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, urinary bladder, brain, colon, ovary, or liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B).

**Payment amount: \$75,000**

## Uranium Miners

1) Must have worked for at least one year or been exposed to 40 or more working level months (WLMs) of radiation in above or underground uranium mines in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, South Dakota, Washington, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, or Utah between 1942 and 1971.

**AND**

2) Must have developed at least one of these diseases:

- Primary cancer of the lung, trachea, or bronchus
- One of the following nonmalignant respiratory diseases:
  - Pulmonary fibrosis or fibrosis of the lung;
  - Cor pulmonale related to fibrosis of the lung;
  - Silicosis;
  - Pneumoconiosis.

**Payment amount: \$100,000**

**Uranium Mill Workers and  
Ore Transporters**

1) Must have worked for at least one year in a uranium mill or transporting uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore from mines or mills located in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, South Dakota, Washington, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, or Utah, between 1942 and 1971.

**AND**

2) Must have developed at least one of these diseases:

- Primary cancer of the lung, trachea, or bronchus
- Renal cancer or other chronic renal diseases, including nephritis and kidney tubal tissue injury.
- One of the following nonmalignant respiratory diseases:
  - Pulmonary fibrosis or fibrosis of the lung;
  - Cor pulmonale related to fibrosis of the lung;
  - Silicosis;
  - Pneumoconiosis.

**Payment amount: \$100,000**

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**Downwinders**

1) Must have been physically present in at least one of the following designated geographical areas downwind of the Nevada Test site:

- **Utah** counties: Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Millard, Piute, San Juan, Sevier, Washington, and Wayne.
- **Nevada** counties: Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, White Pine, and that part of Clark county that consists of townships 13 through 16 at ranges 63 through 71.
- **Arizona** counties: Apache, Gila, Coconino, Navajo and Yavapai; and that part of Arizona north of the Grand Canyon.

2) During specific periods of atmospheric nuclear testing:

- For at least 2 years between January 21, 1951 and October 31, 1958;
- Or for the entire period between June 30, 1962 to July 31, 1962.

3) Must have developed at least one of the specified compensable diseases:

- Leukemia (excluding chronic lymphocytic leukemia);
- Multiple myeloma;
- Lymphomas (excluding Hodgkin's);
- Primary cancer of lung, thyroid, male or female breast, salivary gland, esophagus, stomach, pharynx, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, urinary bladder, brain, colon, ovary, or liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B).

**Payment amount: \$50,000**