



## **Radiation Exposure Compensation Program (RECA) For New Mexico Downwinders**

### **What is this program?**

RECA provides **\$100,000 one-time payments** to people who developed certain cancers after exposure to radiation from nuclear weapons testing.

### **Am I eligible as a Downwinder?**

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| ✓ Have you lived, worked, or gone to school (had a “physical presence”) in New Mexico for at least 1 year between September 24, 1944, and | November 6, 1962 or for the entirety of June 30, 1962 to July 31, 1962? |
|   | ✓ Have you been diagnosed with a qualifying cancer?                     |

If you answered **YES** to these questions or have had a family member eligible who has passed away, you may qualify for **\$100,000** under the expanded program.

### **What cancers qualify?**

If you had a physical presence in New Mexico during the eligibility periods (above), you may qualify if you have been diagnosed with:

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| • Leukemia (except chronic lymphocytic leukemia) | ○ Pancreas                                     |
| • Multiple myeloma                               | ○ Bile ducts                                   |
| • Lymphomas (other than Hodgkin’s)               | ○ Gall bladder                                 |
| • Primary cancer of the:                         | ○ Salivary gland                               |
| ○ Thyroid  | ○ Urinary bladder                              |
| ○ Breast   | ○ Brain  |
| ○ Esophagus                                      | ○ Colon  |
| ○ Stomach  | ○ Ovary  |
| ○ Pharynx  | ○ Liver (unless cirrhosis/hepatitis B present) |
| ○ Small intestine                                | ○ Lung   |

### **What documents will I need?**

More information will come from Department of Justice (DOJ), but generally you will need: Proof physical presence NM during the eligible timeframe (school, utility, medical records, and tribal records), and medical records showing your diagnosis.

### **How much may I receive?**

**\$100,000 one-time payment** (Federally tax-free, does not affect Social Security or Medicaid eligibility).

**How do I apply?**

The Department of Justice will update its RECA program to reflect these new eligibility rules. In the meantime, **gather your documents now** so you can apply promptly.

**Take the first step today to receive the recognition and compensation you deserve.**