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Radiation Exposure Compensation Program (RECA) For New Mexico Uranium Workers & On-Site Participants

What is this program?

RECA provides **one-time payments** to people who developed certain illnesses after **working in uranium mining/milling/transporting/drilling** or **being present at nuclear test sites like the Trinity Site**.

Am I eligible as a Uranium Worker?

- ✓ Were you working as a **uranium miner** who worked more than 1 year or exposed to 40 or more working level months in New Mexico between January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1990?
- ✓ Were you working as a **uranium miller, ore transporter, or core driller** who worked for 1 year, in New Mexico between January 1, 1942 and December 31, 1990?
- ✓ Developed a qualifying disease?

If **YES**, you may qualify for **\$100,000** under the expanded RECA program as well as an additional \$50,000 plus medical benefits from Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA).

Am I eligible as an On-Site Participant?

- ✓ Were you **working at or near the Trinity Test Site during the 1945 test or other covered test sites**?
- ✓ Developed a qualifying disease?

If **YES**, you may qualify for **\$100,000** under RECA.

What diseases qualify?

For Uranium Workers:

- **Lung cancer**
- **Renal (kidney) cancer**
- **Chronic kidney diseases:**
 - Nephritis
 - Kidney tubal injury
 - Other chronic renal diseases
- **Nonmalignant respiratory diseases:**
 - Fibrosis of the lung
 - Pulmonary fibrosis
 - Silicosis

- Pneumoconiosis
- Heart disease specifically related to fibrosis

For On-Site Participants:

Same qualifying cancers as downwinders, including:

- Leukemia (excluding chronic lymphocytic leukemia)
- Lung, breast, thyroid, stomach, colon, kidney cancers, and others listed in the downwinder document above.

What documents will I need?

More information will come from DOJ, but generally you will need:

- ✓ Employment records or affidavits showing uranium work during 1942–1971.
- ✓ Documentation of participation at the Trinity Site or other test sites if applicable.
- ✓ Medical records with your diagnosis.

Will I have to pay taxes on my compensation?

No, the compensation will be Federally tax-free and it does not affect Social Security or Medicaid eligibility).

How do I apply?

The Department of Justice will update its RECA process for these new eligibility categories.

Gather your records now so you can apply promptly when available.

Your work and sacrifice matter. Take the first step to claim the compensation you and your family deserve.