

# Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Information

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) is a federal law that provides financial compensation to survivors of government-caused nuclear contamination. RECA has been expanded to include those who were exposed to Manhattan Project Waste in specific Missouri zip codes and contracted specific diseases.

## Who is Eligible?

Individuals or authorized agents of a deceased individual who was physically present in an affected area for a period of two or more years after January 1, 1949, and contracted a specified disease after such period of physical presence.

## Eligible Diseases/ Cancers

Any leukemia (except chronic lymphocytic leukemia) provided that the initial exposure occurred after the age of 20 and the onset of the disease was at least 2 years after the first exposure.

Any of the following diseases, provided that the onset was at least 2 years after the initial exposure: Multiple myeloma & Lymphoma (except Hodgkin's disease)

Primary cancer of the: thyroid, breast (regardless of gender), esophagus, stomach, pharynx, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary bladder, brain, colon, ovary, bone, renal, lung, & liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated)

## Eligible Zip Codes

63031, 63033, 63034, 63042, 63045, 63074, 63114, 63135, 63138, 63044, 63121, 63140, 63145, 63147, 63102, 63304, 63134, 63043, 63341, 63368, and 63367

## Compensation

Survivors are entitled to either a one-time tax-free payment of \$50,000 or reimbursement for radiation-linked medical expenses (whichever is greater).

Beneficiaries of deceased victims who have passed away from one of the listed diseases/ cancers are entitled to one payment of \$25,000. If there are multiple beneficiaries the payment will be split.

Questions regarding the RECA program, call Senator Hawley's RECA Hotline: (202) 228-4388

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