

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

To be eligible you must have either lived, worked, or attended school in impacted zip codes two years before any of these cancer diagnoses: contracted any Leukemia (provided initial exposure occurred after age 20), multiple myeloma, lymphoma (other than Hodgkin's disease), or cancer of the thyroid, breast, esophagus, stomach, pharynx, small intestine, pancreas, bile duct, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary bladder, brain, colon, ovary, bone, renal system, liver, or lung.

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

For questions regarding St. Louis County Documents, please email recasupport@stlouiscountymo.gov