

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To extend the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and to provide for compensation under such Act for claims relating to Manhattan Project waste, and to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 815

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. HAWLEY

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

2 **DIVISION C—RADIATION**

3 **EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT**

4 **TITLE I—MANHATTAN PROJECT**

5 **WASTE**

6 **SEC. 4001. SHORT TITLE.**

7 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This title may be cited as the

8 “Radiation Exposure Compensation Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 4002. CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT**
2 **WASTE.**

3 The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public
4 Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by insert-
5 ing after section 5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 5A. CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT**
7 **WASTE.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A claimant shall receive com-
9 pensation for a claim made under this Act, as described
10 in subsection (b) or (c), if—

11 “(1) a claim for compensation is filed with the
12 Attorney General—

13 “(A) by an individual described in para-
14 graph (2); or

15 “(B) on behalf of that individual by an au-
16 thorized agent of that individual, if the indi-
17 vidual is deceased or incapacitated, such as—

18 “(i) an executor of estate of that indi-
19 vidual; or

20 “(ii) a legal guardian or conservator
21 of that individual;

22 “(2) that individual, or if applicable, an author-
23 ized agent of that individual, demonstrates that the
24 individual—

1 “(A) was physically present in an affected
2 area for a period of at least 2 years after Janu-
3 ary 1, 1949; and

4 “(B) contracted a specified disease after
5 such period of physical presence;

6 “(3) the Attorney General certifies that the
7 identity of that individual, and if applicable, the au-
8 thorized agent of that individual, is not fraudulent
9 or otherwise misrepresented; and

10 “(4) the Attorney General determines that the
11 claimant has satisfied the applicable requirements of
12 this Act.

13 “(b) LOSSES AVAILABLE TO LIVING AFFECTED INDI-
14 VIDUALS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event of a claim
16 qualifying for compensation under subsection (a)
17 that is submitted to the Attorney General to be eligi-
18 ble for compensation under this section at a time
19 when the individual described in subsection (a)(2) is
20 living, the amount of compensation under this sec-
21 tion shall be in an amount that is the greater of
22 \$50,000 or the total amount of compensation for
23 which the individual is eligible under paragraph (2).

24 “(2) LOSSES DUE TO MEDICAL EXPENSES.—A
25 claimant described in paragraph (1) shall be eligible

1 to receive, upon submission of contemporaneous
2 written medical records, reports, or billing state-
3 ments created by or at the direction of a licensed
4 medical professional who provided contemporaneous
5 medical care to the claimant, additional compensa-
6 tion in the amount of all documented out-of-pocket
7 medical expenses incurred as a result of the specified
8 disease suffered by that claimant, such as any med-
9 ical expenses not covered, paid for, or reimbursed
10 through—

11 “(A) any public or private health insur-
12 ance;

13 “(B) any employee health insurance;

14 “(C) any workers’ compensation program;

15 or

16 “(D) any other public, private, or employee
17 health program or benefit.

18 “(c) PAYMENTS TO BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED
19 INDIVIDUALS.—In the event that an individual described
20 in subsection (a)(2) who qualifies for compensation under
21 subsection (a) is deceased at the time of submission of
22 the claim—

23 “(1) a surviving spouse may, upon submission
24 of a claim and records sufficient to satisfy the re-
25 quirements of subsection (a) with respect to the de-

1 ceased individual, receive compensation in the
2 amount of \$25,000; or

3 “(2) in the event that there is no surviving
4 spouse, the surviving children, minor or otherwise, of
5 the deceased individual may, upon submission of a
6 claim and records sufficient to satisfy the require-
7 ments of subsection (a) with respect to the deceased
8 individual, receive compensation in the total amount
9 of \$25,000, paid in equal shares to each surviving
10 child.

11 “(d) AFFECTED AREA.—For purposes of this section,
12 the term ‘affected area’ means—

13 “(1) in the State of Missouri, the ZIP Codes of
14 63031, 63033, 63034, 63042, 63045, 63074, 63114,
15 63135, 63138, 63044, 63121, 63140, 63145, 63147,
16 63102, 63304, 63134, 63043, 63341, 63368, and
17 63367;

18 “(2) in the State of Tennessee, the ZIP Codes
19 of 37732, 37755, 37756, 37841, 37847, 37852,
20 37872, 37892, 37714, 37715, 37729, 37757, 37762,
21 37766, 37769, 37819, 37847, 37870, 37719, 37726,
22 37733, 37748, 37770, 37829, 37845, 37849, 37931,
23 37779, 37807, 37866, 37709, 37721, 37754, 37764,
24 37806, 37853, 37871, 37901, 37902, 37909, 37912,
25 37914, 37915, 37916, 37917, 37918, 37919, 37920,

1 37921, 37922, 37923, 37924, 37927, 37928, 37929,
2 37930, 37932, 37933, 37934, 37938, 37939, 37940,
3 37950, 37995, 37996, 37997, 37998, 37337, 37367,
4 37723, 37854, 38555, 38557, 38558, 38571, 38572,
5 38574, 38578, 38583, 37763, 37771, 37774, 37830,
6 37840, 37846, 37874, 37321, 37332, 37338, 37381,
7 37742, 37772, 37846, 37322, 37336, and 37880;

8 “(3) in the State of Alaska, the ZIP Codes of
9 99546 and 99547; and

10 “(4) in the State of Kentucky, the ZIP Codes
11 of 42001, 42003, and 42086.

12 “(e) SPECIFIED DISEASE.—For purposes of this sec-
13 tion, the term ‘specified disease’ means any of the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(1) Any leukemia, other than chronic
16 lymphocytic leukemia, provided that the initial expo-
17 sure occurred after the age of 20 and the onset of
18 the disease was at least 2 years after first exposure.

19 “(2) Any of the following diseases, provided
20 that the onset was at least 2 years after the initial
21 exposure:

22 “(A) Multiple myeloma.

23 “(B) Lymphoma, other than Hodgkin’s
24 disease.

25 “(C) Primary cancer of the—

- 1 “(i) thyroid;
2 “(ii) male or female breast;
3 “(iii) esophagus;
4 “(iv) stomach;
5 “(v) pharynx;
6 “(vi) small intestine;
7 “(vii) pancreas;
8 “(viii) bile ducts;
9 “(ix) gall bladder;
10 “(x) salivary gland;
11 “(xi) urinary bladder;
12 “(xii) brain;
13 “(xiii) colon;
14 “(xiv) ovary;
15 “(xv) liver, except if cirrhosis or hepa-
16 titis B is indicated; or
17 “(xvi) lung.

18 “(f) PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
20 tion, the Attorney General shall not determine that
21 a claimant has satisfied the requirements of sub-
22 section (a) unless demonstrated by submission of—

23 “(A) contemporaneous written residential
24 documentation and at least 1 additional em-
25 ployer-issued or government-issued document or

1 record that the claimant, for at least 2 years
2 after January 1, 1949, was physically present
3 in an affected area; or

4 “(B) other documentation determined by
5 the Attorney General to demonstrate that the
6 claimant, for at least 2 years after January 1,
7 1949, was physically present in an affected
8 area.

9 “(2) TYPES OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—For
10 purposes of determining physical presence under this
11 section, a claimant shall be considered to have been
12 physically present in an affected area if—

13 “(A) the claimant’s primary residence was
14 in the affected area;

15 “(B) the claimant’s place of employment
16 was in the affected area; or

17 “(C) the claimant attended school in the
18 affected area.

19 “(g) DISEASE CONTRACTION IN AFFECTED
20 AREAS.—For purposes of this section, the Attorney Gen-
21 eral shall not determine that a claimant has satisfied the
22 requirements of subsection (a) unless the claimant sub-
23 mits—

24 “(1) written medical records or reports created
25 by or at the direction of a licensed medical profes-

1 sional, created contemporaneously with the provision
2 of medical care to the claimant, that the claimant,
3 after a period of physical presence in an affected
4 area, contracted a specified disease; or

5 “(2) other documentation determined by the At-
6 torney General to demonstrate that the claimant
7 contracted a specified disease after a period of phys-
8 ical presence in an affected area.”.

9 **SEC. 4003. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
11 2024, the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Direc-
12 tor of the Office of Legacy Management, shall award to
13 an eligible association a cooperative agreement to support
14 the safeguarding of human and ecological health at the
15 Amchitka, Alaska, Site.

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—A cooperative agreement
17 awarded under subsection (a)—

18 (1) may be used to fund—

19 (A) research and development that will im-
20 prove and focus long-term surveillance and
21 monitoring of the site;

22 (B) workforce development at the site; and

23 (C) such other activities as the Secretary
24 considers appropriate; and

25 (2) shall require that the eligible association—

1 (A) engage in stakeholder engagement; and

2 (B) to the greatest extent practicable, in-
3 corporate Indigenous knowledge and the partici-
4 pation of local Indian Tribes in research and
5 development and workforce development activi-
6 ties.

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ELIGIBLE ASSOCIATION.—The term “eligi-
9 ble association” means an association of 2 or more
10 of the following:

11 (A) An institution of higher education (as
12 that term is defined in section 101(a) of the
13 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
14 1001(a))) located in the State of Alaska.

15 (B) An agency of the State of Alaska.

16 (C) A local Indian Tribe.

17 (D) An organization—

18 (i) described in section 501(c)(3) of
19 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and ex-
20 empt from taxation under section 501(a)
21 of such Code; and

22 (ii) located in the State of Alaska.

23 (2) LOCAL INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “local In-
24 dian Tribe” means an Indian tribe (as that term is
25 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination

1 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304))
2 that is located in the Aleut Region of the State of
3 Alaska.

4 **TITLE II— COMPENSATION FOR**
5 **WORKERS INVOLVED IN URA-**
6 **NIUM MINING**

7 **SEC. 4101. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This title may be cited as the “Radiation Exposure
9 Compensation Act Amendments of 2024”.

10 **SEC. 4102. REFERENCES.**

11 Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in
12 this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
13 of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provi-
14 sion of law, the reference shall be considered to be made
15 to a section or other provision of the Radiation Exposure
16 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
17 note).

18 **SEC. 4103. EXTENSION OF FUND.**

19 Section 3(d) is amended—

20 (1) by striking the first sentence and inserting
21 “The Fund shall terminate 19 years after the date
22 of the enactment of the Radiation Exposure Com-
23 pensation Act Amendments of 2024.”; and

24 (2) by striking “2-year” and inserting “19-
25 year”.

1 **SEC. 4104. CLAIMS RELATING TO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING.**

2 (a) LEUKEMIA CLAIMS RELATING TO TRINITY TEST
3 IN NEW MEXICO AND TESTS AT THE NEVADA SITE AND
4 IN THE PACIFIC.—Section 4(a)(1)(A) is amended—

5 (1) in clause (i)—

6 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “October
7 31, 1958” and inserting “November 6, 1962”;

8 (B) in subclause (II)—

9 (i) by striking “in the affected area”
10 and inserting “in an affected area”; and

11 (ii) by striking “or” after the semi-
12 colon;

13 (C) by redesignating subclause (III) as
14 subclause (V); and

15 (D) by inserting after subclause (II) the
16 following:

17 “(III) was physically present in an af-
18 fected area for a period of at least 1 year
19 during the period beginning on September
20 24, 1944, and ending on November 6,
21 1962;

22 “(IV) was physically present in an af-
23 fected area—

24 “(aa) for a period of at least 1
25 year during the period beginning on

1 July 1, 1946, and ending on Novem-
2 ber 6, 1962; or

3 “(bb) for the period beginning on
4 April 25, 1962, and ending on No-
5 vember 6, 1962; or”; and

6 (2) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “physical pres-
7 ence described in subclause (I) or (II) of clause (i)
8 or onsite participation described in clause (i)(III)”
9 and inserting “physical presence described in sub-
10 clause (I), (II), (III), or (IV) of clause (i) or onsite
11 participation described in clause (i)(V)”.

12 (b) AMOUNTS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO LEU-
13 KEMIA.—Section 4(a)(1) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “an
15 amount” and inserting “the amount”; and

16 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
17 the following:

18 “(B) AMOUNT.—If the conditions de-
19 scribed in subparagraph (C) are met, an indi-
20 vidual who is described in subparagraph (A)
21 shall receive \$150,000.”.

22 (c) CONDITIONS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO LEU-
23 KEMIA.—Section 4(a)(1)(C) is amended—

24 (1) by striking clause (i); and

1 (2) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as
2 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

3 (d) SPECIFIED DISEASES CLAIMS RELATING TO
4 TRINITY TEST IN NEW MEXICO AND TESTS AT THE NE-
5 VADA SITE AND IN THE PACIFIC.—Section 4(a)(2) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

8 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and
9 inserting “in an affected area”;

10 (B) by striking “2 years” and inserting “1
11 year”; and

12 (C) by striking “October 31, 1958” and
13 inserting “November 6, 1962”;

14 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

15 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and
16 inserting “in an affected area”; and

17 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

18 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
19 paragraph (E); and

20 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(C) was physically present in an affected
23 area for a period of at least 1 year during the
24 period beginning on September 24, 1944, and
25 ending on November 6, 1962;

1 “(D) was physically present in an affected
2 area—

3 “(i) for a period of at least 1 year
4 during the period beginning on July 1,
5 1946, and ending on November 6, 1962; or

6 “(ii) for the period beginning on April
7 25, 1962, and ending on November 6,
8 1962; or”.

9 (e) AMOUNTS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO SPECIFIED
10 DISEASES.—Section 4(a)(2) is amended in the matter fol-
11 lowing subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by subsection
12 (d) of this section) by striking “\$50,000 (in the case of
13 an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B)) or
14 \$75,000 (in the case of an individual described in subpara-
15 graph (C)),” and inserting “\$150,000”.

16 (f) MEDICAL BENEFITS.—Section 4(a) is amended
17 by adding at the end the following:

18 “(5) MEDICAL BENEFITS.—An individual re-
19 ceiving a payment under this section shall be eligible
20 to receive medical benefits in the same manner and
21 to the same extent as an individual eligible to receive
22 medical benefits under section 3629 of the Energy
23 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Pro-
24 gram Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384t).”.

1 (g) DOWNWIND STATES.—Section 4(b)(1) is amend-
2 ed to read as follows:

3 “(1) ‘affected area’ means—

4 “(A) except as provided under subpara-
5 graphs (B) and (C), Arizona, Colorado, Idaho,
6 Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and
7 Guam;

8 “(B) with respect to a claim by an indi-
9 vidual under subsection (a)(1)(A)(i)(III) or sub-
10 section (a)(2)(C), only New Mexico; and

11 “(C) with respect to a claim by an indi-
12 vidual under subsection (a)(1)(A)(i)(IV) or sub-
13 section (a)(2)(D), only Guam.”.

14 (h) CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA AS A SPECI-
15 FIED DISEASE.—Section 4(b)(2) is amended by striking
16 “other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia” and inserting
17 “including chronic lymphocytic leukemia”.

18 **SEC. 4105. CLAIMS RELATING TO URANIUM MINING.**

19 (a) EMPLOYEES OF MINES AND MILLS.—Section
20 5(a)(1)(A)(i) is amended—

21 (1) by inserting “(I)” after “(i)”;

22 (2) by striking “December 31, 1971; and” and
23 inserting “December 31, 1990; or”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(II) was employed as a core driller in
2 a State referred to in subclause (I) during
3 the period described in such subclause;
4 and”.

5 (b) MINERS.—Section 5(a)(1)(A)(ii)(I) is amended
6 by inserting “or renal cancer or any other chronic renal
7 disease, including nephritis and kidney tubal tissue in-
8 jury” after “nonmalignant respiratory disease”.

9 (c) MILLERS, CORE DRILLERS, AND ORE TRANS-
10 PORTERS.—Section 5(a)(1)(A)(ii)(II) is amended—

11 (1) by inserting “, core driller,” after “was a
12 miller”;

13 (2) by inserting “, or was involved in remedi-
14 ation efforts at such a uranium mine or uranium
15 mill,” after “ore transporter”;

16 (3) by inserting “(I)” after “clause (i)”; and

17 (4) by striking all that follows “nonmalignant
18 respiratory disease” and inserting “or renal cancer
19 or any other chronic renal disease, including nephri-
20 tis and kidney tubal tissue injury; or”.

21 (d) COMBINED WORK HISTORIES.—Section
22 5(a)(1)(A)(ii) is further amended—

23 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subclause (I);
24 and

25 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(III)(aa) does not meet the condi-
2 tions of subclause (I) or (II);

3 “(bb) worked, during the period de-
4 scribed in clause (i)(I), in two or more of
5 the following positions: miner, miller, core
6 driller, and ore transporter;

7 “(cc) meets the requirements of para-
8 graph (4) or (5), or both; and

9 “(dd) submits written medical docu-
10 mentation that the individual developed
11 lung cancer or a nonmalignant respiratory
12 disease or renal cancer or any other chron-
13 ic renal disease, including nephritis and
14 kidney tubal tissue injury after exposure to
15 radiation through work in one or more of
16 the positions referred to in item (bb);”.

17 (e) DATES OF OPERATION OF URANIUM MINE.—Sec-
18 tion 5(a)(2)(A) is amended by striking “December 31,
19 1971” and inserting “December 31, 1990”.

20 (f) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO COMBINED WORK
21 HISTORIES.—Section 5(a) is amended by adding at the
22 end the following:

23 “(4) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
24 WORK HISTORIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AT LEAST
25 ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE.—An individual meets

1 the requirements of this paragraph if the individual
2 worked in one or more of the positions referred to
3 in paragraph (1)(A)(ii)(III)(bb) for a period of at
4 least one year during the period described in para-
5 graph (1)(A)(i)(I).

6 “(5) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
7 WORK HISTORIES FOR MINERS.—An individual
8 meets the requirements of this paragraph if the indi-
9 vidual, during the period described in paragraph
10 (1)(A)(i)(I), worked as a miner and was exposed to
11 such number of working level months that the Attor-
12 ney General determines, when combined with the ex-
13 posure of such individual to radiation through work
14 as a miller, core driller, or ore transporter during
15 the period described in paragraph (1)(A)(i)(I), re-
16 sults in such individual being exposed to a total level
17 of radiation that is greater or equal to the level of
18 exposure of an individual described in paragraph
19 (4).”.

20 (g) DEFINITION OF CORE DRILLER.—Section 5(b) is
21 amended—

22 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
23 (7);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
25 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(9) the term ‘core driller’ means any indi-
3 vidual employed to engage in the act or process of
4 obtaining cylindrical rock samples of uranium or va-
5 nadium by means of a borehole drilling machine for
6 the purpose of mining uranium or vanadium.”.

7 **SEC. 4106. EXPANSION OF USE OF AFFIDAVITS IN DETER-**
8 **MINATION OF CLAIMS; REGULATIONS.**

9 (a) AFFIDAVITS.—Section 6(b) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 “(3) AFFIDAVITS.—

12 “(A) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.—For pur-
13 poses of this Act, the Attorney General shall ac-
14 cept a written affidavit or declaration as evi-
15 dence to substantiate the employment history of
16 an individual as a miner, miller, core driller, or
17 ore transporter if the affidavit—

18 “(i) is provided in addition to other
19 material that may be used to substantiate
20 the employment history of the individual;

21 “(ii) attests to the employment history
22 of the individual;

23 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
24 perjury; and

1 “(iv) is made by a person other than
2 the individual filing the claim.

3 “(B) PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN AFFECTED
4 AREA.—For purposes of this Act, the Attorney
5 General shall accept a written affidavit or dec-
6 laration as evidence to substantiate an individ-
7 ual’s physical presence in an affected area dur-
8 ing a period described in section 4(a)(1)(A)(i)
9 or section 4(a)(2) if the affidavit—

10 “(i) is provided in addition to other
11 material that may be used to substantiate
12 the individual’s presence in an affected
13 area during that time period;

14 “(ii) attests to the individual’s pres-
15 ence in an affected area during that pe-
16 riod;

17 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
18 perjury; and

19 “(iv) is made by a person other than
20 the individual filing the claim.

21 “(C) PARTICIPATION AT TESTING SITE.—
22 For purposes of this Act, the Attorney General
23 shall accept a written affidavit or declaration as
24 evidence to substantiate an individual’s partici-

1 pation onsite in a test involving the atmospheric
2 detonation of a nuclear device if the affidavit—

3 “(i) is provided in addition to other
4 material that may be used to substantiate
5 the individual’s participation onsite in a
6 test involving the atmospheric detonation
7 of a nuclear device;

8 “(ii) attests to the individual’s partici-
9 pation onsite in a test involving the atmos-
10 pheric detonation of a nuclear device;

11 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
12 perjury; and

13 “(iv) is made by a person other than
14 the individual filing the claim.”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 Section 6 is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by striking “section
18 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section 4(a)(2)(E)”;

19 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

21 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
22 by striking “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A),
23 or (a)(2)(B) of section 4” and inserting
24 “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B),
25 (a)(2)(C), or (a)(2)(D) of section 4”; and

1 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “sub-
2 section (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), or (a)(2)(B) of
3 section 4” and inserting “subsection
4 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B), (a)(2)(C), or
5 (a)(2)(D) of section 4”; and

6 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sec-
7 tion 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section
8 4(a)(2)(E)”; and

9 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “subsection
10 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), or (a)(2)(B) of section 4” and in-
11 sserting “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B),
12 (a)(2)(C), or (a)(2)(D) of section 4”.

13 (c) REGULATIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(k) is amended by
15 adding at the end the following: “Not later than 180
16 days after the date of enactment of the Radiation
17 Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2024,
18 the Attorney General shall issue revised regulations
19 to carry out this Act.”.

20 (2) CONSIDERATIONS IN REVISIONS.—In
21 issuing revised regulations under section 6(k) of the
22 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law
23 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note), as amended under
24 paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall ensure
25 that procedures with respect to the submission and

1 processing of claims under such Act take into ac-
2 count and make allowances for the law, tradition,
3 and customs of Indian tribes, including by accepting
4 as a record of proof of physical presence for a claim-
5 ant a grazing permit, a homesite lease, a record of
6 being a holder of a post office box, a letter from an
7 elected leader of an Indian tribe, or a record of any
8 recognized tribal association or organization.

9 **SEC. 4107. LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.**

10 (a) **EXTENSION OF FILING TIME.**—Section 8(a) is
11 amended—

12 (1) by striking “2 years” and inserting “19
13 years”; and

14 (2) by striking “2022” and inserting “2023”.

15 (b) **RESUBMITTAL OF CLAIMS.**—Section 8(b) is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 “(b) **RESUBMITTAL OF CLAIMS.**—

18 “(1) **DENIED CLAIMS.**—After the date of enact-
19 ment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
20 Amendments of 2024, any claimant who has been
21 denied compensation under this Act may resubmit a
22 claim for consideration by the Attorney General in
23 accordance with this Act not more than three times.
24 Any resubmittal made before the date of the enact-
25 ment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act

1 Amendments of 2024 shall not be applied to the lim-
2 itation under the preceding sentence.

3 “(2) PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL CLAIMS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—After the date of en-
5 actment of the Radiation Exposure Compensa-
6 tion Act Amendments of 2024, any claimant
7 who received compensation under this Act may
8 submit a request to the Attorney General for
9 additional compensation and benefits. Such re-
10 quest shall contain—

11 “(i) the claimant’s name, social secu-
12 rity number, and date of birth;

13 “(ii) the amount of award received
14 under this Act before the date of enact-
15 ment of the Radiation Exposure Com-
16 pensation Act Amendments of 2024;

17 “(iii) any additional benefits and com-
18 pensation sought through such request;
19 and

20 “(iv) any additional information re-
21 quired by the Attorney General.

22 “(B) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—If the
23 claimant received compensation under this Act
24 before the date of enactment of the Radiation
25 Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of

1 2024 and submits a request under subpara-
2 graph (A), the Attorney General shall—

3 “(i) pay the claimant the amount that
4 is equal to any excess of—

5 “(I) the amount the claimant is
6 eligible to receive under this Act (as
7 amended by the Radiation Exposure
8 Compensation Act Amendments of
9 2024); minus

10 “(II) the aggregate amount paid
11 to the claimant under this Act before
12 the date of enactment of the Radi-
13 ation Exposure Compensation Act
14 Amendments of 2024; and

15 “(ii) in any case in which the claimant
16 was compensated under section 4, provide
17 the claimant with medical benefits under
18 section 4(a)(5).”.

19 **SEC. 4108. GRANT PROGRAM ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL IM-**
20 **PACTS OF URANIUM MINING AND MILLING.**

21 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

22 (1) the term “institution of higher education”
23 has the meaning given under section 101 of the
24 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001);

1 (2) the term “program” means the grant pro-
2 gram established under subsection (b); and

3 (3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
4 of Health and Human Services.

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
6 a grant program relating to the epidemiological impacts
7 of uranium mining and milling. Grants awarded under the
8 program shall be used for the study of the epidemiological
9 impacts of uranium mining and milling among non-occu-
10 pationally exposed individuals, including family members
11 of uranium miners and millers.

12 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
13 ister the program through the National Institute of Envi-
14 ronmental Health Sciences.

15 (d) ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION.—Any institution
16 of higher education or nonprofit private entity shall be eli-
17 gible to apply for a grant. To apply for a grant an eligible
18 institution or entity shall submit to the Secretary an appli-
19 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing or
20 accompanied by such information as the Secretary may
21 reasonably require.

22 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2026.

1 **SEC. 4109. ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS**
2 **COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) COVERED EMPLOYEES WITH CANCER.—Section
4 3621(9) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness
5 Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384l(9))
6 is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
7 the following:

8 “(A) An individual with a specified cancer
9 who is a member of the Special Exposure Co-
10 hort, if and only if—

11 “(i) that individual contracted that
12 specified cancer after beginning employ-
13 ment at a Department of Energy facility
14 (in the case of a Department of Energy
15 employee or Department of Energy con-
16 tractor employee) or at an atomic weapons
17 employer facility (in the case of an atomic
18 weapons employee); or

19 “(ii) that individual—

20 “(I) contracted that specified
21 cancer after beginning employment in
22 a uranium mine or uranium mill de-
23 scribed under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i) of
24 the Radiation Exposure Compensation
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (including
26 any individual who was employed in

1 core drilling or the transport of ura-
2 nium ore or vanadium-uranium ore
3 from such mine or mill) located in
4 Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyo-
5 ming, South Dakota, Washington,
6 Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon,
7 Texas, or any State the Attorney Gen-
8 eral makes a determination under sec-
9 tion 5(a)(2) of that Act for inclusion
10 of eligibility under section 5(a)(1) of
11 that Act; and

12 “(II) was employed in a uranium
13 mine or uranium mill described under
14 subclause (I) (including any individual
15 who was employed in core drilling or
16 the transport of uranium ore or vana-
17 dium-uranium ore from such mine or
18 mill) at any time during the period
19 beginning on January 1, 1942, and
20 ending on December 31, 1990.”.

21 (b) MEMBERS OF SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT.—
22 Section 3626 of the Energy Employees Occupational Ill-
23 ness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
24 7384q) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (1)
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(1) The Advisory Board on Radiation and
4 Worker Health under section 3624 shall advise the
5 President whether there is a class of employees—

6 “(A) at any Department of Energy facility
7 who likely were exposed to radiation at that fa-
8 cility but for whom it is not feasible to estimate
9 with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they
10 received; and

11 “(B) employed in a uranium mine or ura-
12 nium mill described under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i)
13 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (including any individual
15 who was employed in core drilling or the trans-
16 port of uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore
17 from such mine or mill) located in Colorado,
18 New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South Dakota,
19 Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Or-
20 egon, Texas, and any State the Attorney Gen-
21 eral makes a determination under section
22 5(a)(2) of that Act for inclusion of eligibility
23 under section 5(a)(1) of that Act, at any time
24 during the period beginning on January 1,
25 1942, and ending on December 31, 1990, who

1 likely were exposed to radiation at that mine or
2 mill but for whom it is not feasible to estimate
3 with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they
4 received.”; and

5 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
6 following:

7 “(b) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—

8 “(1) Subject to the provisions of section
9 3621(14)(C), the members of a class of employees at
10 a Department of Energy facility, or at an atomic
11 weapons employer facility, may be treated as mem-
12 bers of the Special Exposure Cohort for purposes of
13 the compensation program if the President, upon
14 recommendation of the Advisory Board on Radiation
15 and Worker Health, determines that—

16 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-
17 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the
18 class received; and

19 “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that
20 such radiation dose may have endangered the
21 health of members of the class.

22 “(2) Subject to the provisions of section
23 3621(14)(C), the members of a class of employees
24 employed in a uranium mine or uranium mill de-
25 scribed under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i) of the Radiation

1 Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note)
2 (including any individual who was employed in core
3 drilling or the transport of uranium ore or vana-
4 dium-uranium ore from such mine or mill) located in
5 Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South
6 Dakota, Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota,
7 Oregon, Texas, and any State the Attorney General
8 makes a determination under section 5(a)(2) of that
9 Act for inclusion of eligibility under section 5(a)(1)
10 of that Act, at any time during the period beginning
11 on January 1, 1942, and ending on December 31,
12 1990, may be treated as members of the Special Ex-
13 posure Cohort for purposes of the compensation pro-
14 gram if the President, upon recommendation of the
15 Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health,
16 determines that—

17 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-
18 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the
19 class received; and

20 “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that
21 such radiation dose may have endangered the
22 health of members of the class.”.