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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.

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Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Radiation Exposure Compensation Reauthorization
6 Act”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—MANHATTAN PROJECT WASTE

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Claims relating to Manhattan Project waste.

Sec. 103. Cooperative agreement.

TITLE II—COMPENSATION FOR WORKERS INVOLVED IN URANIUM MINING AND INDIVIDUALS LIVING DOWNWIND OF ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTING

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. References.

Sec. 203. Extension of fund.

Sec. 204. Claims relating to atmospheric testing.

Sec. 205. Claims relating to uranium mining.

Sec. 206. Expansion of use of affidavits in determination of claims; regulations.

Sec. 207. Limitation on claims.

Sec. 208. Grant program on epidemiological impacts of uranium mining and milling.

Sec. 209. Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

Sec. 210. GAO study and report.

3 **TITLE I—MANHATTAN PROJECT** 4 **WASTE**

5 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

6 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the
 7 “Radiation Exposure Compensation Expansion Act”.

8 **SEC. 102. CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT** 9 **WASTE.**

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

1 **“SEC. 5A. CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT**
2 **WASTE.**

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

6 “(1) a claim for compensation is filed with the
7 Attorney General—

8 “(A) by an individual described in para-
9 graph (2); or

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

13 “(i) an executor of estate of that indi-
14 vidual; or

15 “(ii) a legal guardian or conservator
16 of that individual;

17 “(2) that individual, or if applicable, an author-
18 ized agent of that individual, demonstrates that the
19 individual—

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

23 “(B) contracted a specified disease after
24 such period of physical presence;

25 “(3) the Attorney General certifies that the
26 identity of that individual, and if applicable, the au-

1 thorized agent of that individual, is not fraudulent
2 or otherwise misrepresented; and

3 “(4) the Attorney General determines that the
4 claimant has satisfied the applicable requirements of
5 this Act.

6 “(b) LOSSES AVAILABLE TO LIVING AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS.—

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

17 “(2) LOSSES DUE TO MEDICAL EXPENSES.—A
18 claimant described in paragraph (1) shall be eligible
19 to receive, upon submission of contemporaneous
20 written medical records, reports, or billing state-
21 ments created by or at the direction of a licensed
22 medical professional who provided contemporaneous
23 medical care to the claimant, additional compensa-
24 tion in the amount of all documented out-of-pocket
25 medical expenses incurred as a result of the specified

1 disease suffered by that claimant, such as any med-
2 ical expenses not covered, paid for, or reimbursed
3 through—

4 “(A) any public or private health insur-
5 ance;

6 “(B) any employee health insurance;

7 “(C) any workers’ compensation program;

8 or

9 “(D) any other public, private, or employee
10 health program or benefit.

11 “(c) PAYMENTS TO BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED
12 INDIVIDUALS.—In the event that an individual described
13 in subsection (a)(2) who qualifies for compensation under
14 subsection (a) is deceased at the time of submission of
15 the claim—

16 “(1) a surviving spouse may, upon submission
17 of a claim and records sufficient to satisfy the re-
18 quirements of subsection (a) with respect to the de-
19 ceased individual, receive compensation in the
20 amount of \$25,000; or

21 “(2) in the event that there is no surviving
22 spouse, the surviving children, minor or otherwise, of
23 the deceased individual may, upon submission of a
24 claim and records sufficient to satisfy the require-
25 ments of subsection (a) with respect to the deceased

1 individual, receive compensation in the total amount
 2 of \$25,000, paid in equal shares to each surviving
 3 child.

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

6 “(1) in the State of Missouri, the ZIP Codes of
 7 63031, 63033, 63034, 63042, 63045, 63074, 63114,
 8 63135, 63138, 63044, 63121, 63140, 63145, 63147,
 9 63102, 63304, 63134, 63043, 63341, 63368, and
 10 63367;

11 “(2) in the State of Tennessee, the ZIP Codes
 12 of 37716, 37840, 37719, 37748, 37763, 37828,
 13 37769, 37710, 37845, 37887, 37829, 37854, 37830,
 14 and 37831;

15 “(3) in the State of Alaska, the ZIP Codes of
 16 99546 and 99547; and

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

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

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

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

“(A) Multiple myeloma.

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

“(C) Primary cancer of the—

“(i) thyroid;

“(ii) male or female breast;

“(iii) esophagus;

“(iv) stomach;

“(v) pharynx;

“(vi) small intestine;

“(vii) pancreas;

“(viii) bile ducts;

“(ix) gall bladder;

“(x) salivary gland;

“(xi) urinary bladder;

“(xii) brain;

“(xiii) colon;

“(xiv) ovary;

“(xv) bone;

“(xvi) renal;

“(xvii) liver, except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated; or

1 “(xviii) lung.

2 “(f) PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—

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

7 “(A) contemporaneous written residential
8 documentation and at least 1 additional em-
9 ployer-issued or government-issued document or
10 record that the claimant, for at least 2 years
11 after January 1, 1949, was physically present
12 in an affected area; or

13 “(B) other documentation determined by
14 the Attorney General to demonstrate that the
15 claimant, for at least 2 years after January 1,
16 1949, was physically present in an affected
17 area.

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

22 “(A) the claimant’s primary residence was
23 in the affected area;

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

1 “(C) the claimant attended school in the
2 affected area.

3 “(g) DISEASE CONTRACTION IN AFFECTED
4 AREAS.—For purposes of this section, the Attorney Gen-
5 eral shall not determine that a claimant has satisfied the
6 requirements of subsection (a) unless the claimant sub-
7 mits—

8 “(1) written medical records or reports created
9 by or at the direction of a licensed medical profes-
10 sional, created contemporaneously with the provision
11 of medical care to the claimant, that the claimant,
12 after a period of physical presence in an affected
13 area, contracted a specified disease; or

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

18 **SEC. 103. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
20 2025, the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Direc-
21 tor of the Office of Legacy Management, shall award to
22 an eligible association a cooperative agreement to support
23 the safeguarding of human and ecological health at the
24 Amchitka, Alaska, Site.

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—A cooperative agreement
 2 awarded under subsection (a)—

3 (1) may be used to fund—

4 (A) research and development that will im-
 5 prove and focus long-term surveillance and
 6 monitoring of the site;

7 (B) workforce development at the site; and

8 (C) such other activities as the Secretary
 9 considers appropriate; and

10 (2) shall require that the eligible association—

11 (A) engage in stakeholder engagement; and

12 (B) to the greatest extent practicable, in-
 13 corporate Indigenous knowledge and the partici-
 14 pation of local Indian Tribes in research and
 15 development and workforce development activi-
 16 ties.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

21 (A) An institution of higher education (as
 22 that term is defined in section 101(a) of the
 23 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 24 1001(a))) located in the State of Alaska.

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

1 (C) A local Indian Tribe.

2 (D) An organization—

3 (i) described in section 501(c)(3) of
4 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and ex-
5 empt from taxation under section 501(a)
6 of such Code; and

7 (ii) located in the State of Alaska.

8 (2) LOCAL INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “local In-
9 dian Tribe” means an Indian tribe (as that term is
10 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
11 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304))
12 that is located in the Aleut Region of the State of
13 Alaska.

14 **TITLE II—COMPENSATION FOR**
15 **WORKERS INVOLVED IN URA-**
16 **NIUM MINING AND INDIVID-**
17 **UALS LIVING DOWNWIND OF**
18 **ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR**
19 **TESTING**

20 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

21 This title may be cited as the “Radiation Exposure
22 Compensation Act Amendments of 2025”.

23 **SEC. 202. REFERENCES.**

24 Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in
25 this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms

1 of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provi-
 2 sion of law, the reference shall be considered to be made
 3 to a section or other provision of the Radiation Exposure
 4 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
 5 note).

6 **SEC. 203. EXTENSION OF FUND.**

7 Section 3(d) is amended—

8 (1) by striking the first sentence and inserting
 9 “The Fund shall terminate 6 years after the date of
 10 the enactment of the Radiation Exposure Compensa-
 11 tion Act Amendments of 2025.”; and

12 (2) by striking “2-year” and inserting “6-year”.

13 **SEC. 204. CLAIMS RELATING TO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING.**

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

17 (1) in clause (i)—

18 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “October
 19 31, 1958” and inserting “November 6, 1962”;

20 (B) in subclause (II)—

21 (i) by striking “in the affected area”
 22 and inserting “in an affected area”; and

23 (ii) by striking “or” after the semi-
 24 colon;

1 (C) by redesignating subclause (III) as
 2 subclause (V); and

3 (D) by inserting after subclause (II) the
 4 following:

5 “(III) was physically present in an af-
 6 fected area for a period of at least 1 year
 7 during the period beginning on September
 8 24, 1944, and ending on November 6,
 9 1962;

10 “(IV) was physically present in an af-
 11 fected area—

12 “(aa) for a period of at least 1
 13 year during the period beginning on
 14 July 1, 1946, and ending on Novem-
 15 ber 6, 1962; or

16 “(bb) for the period beginning on
 17 April 25, 1962, and ending on No-
 18 vember 6, 1962; or”; and

19 (2) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “physical pres-
 20 ence described in subclause (I) or (II) of clause (i)
 21 or onsite participation described in clause (i)(III)”
 22 and inserting “physical presence described in sub-
 23 clause (I), (II), (III), or (IV) of clause (i) or onsite
 24 participation described in clause (i)(V)”.

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

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

5 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
 6 the following:

7 “(B) AMOUNT.—If the conditions de-
 8 scribed in subparagraph (C) are met, an indi-
 9 vidual who is described in subparagraph (A)
 10 shall receive \$100,000.”.

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

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

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

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

20 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

21 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and
 22 inserting “in an affected area”;

23 (B) by striking “2 years” and inserting “1
 24 year”; and

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

3 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and
 5 inserting “in an affected area”; and

6 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

7 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
 8 paragraph (E); and

9 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
 10 lowing:

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

15 “(D) was physically present in an affected
 16 area—

17 “(i) for a period of at least 1 year
 18 during the period beginning on July 1,
 19 1946, and ending on November 6, 1962; or

20 “(ii) for the period beginning on April
 21 25, 1962, and ending on November 6,
 22 1962; or”.

23 (e) AMOUNTS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO SPECIFIED
 24 DISEASES.—Section 4(a)(2) is amended in the matter fol-
 25 lowing subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by subsection

1 (d) of this section) by striking “\$50,000 (in the case of
 2 an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B)) or
 3 \$75,000 (in the case of an individual described in subpara-
 4 graph (C)),” and inserting “\$100,000”.

5 (f) DOWNWIND STATES.—Section 4(b)(1) is amended
 6 to read as follows:

7 “(1) ‘affected area’ means—

8 “(A) except as provided under subpara-
 9 graphs (B) and (C), Arizona, Colorado, Idaho,
 10 Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and
 11 Guam;

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

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

18 (g) CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA AS A SPECI-
 19 FIED DISEASE.—Section 4(b)(2) is amended by striking
 20 “other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia” and inserting
 21 “including chronic lymphocytic leukemia”.

22 **SEC. 205. CLAIMS RELATING TO URANIUM MINING.**

23 (a) EMPLOYEES OF MINES AND MILLS.—Section
 24 5(a)(1)(A)(i) is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (1) by inserting “, core driller,” after “was a
 15 miller”;

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

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

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

24 (d) COMBINED WORK HISTORIES.—Section
 25 5(a)(1)(A)(ii) is further amended—

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

2 and

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

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

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

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

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

20 (e) DATES OF OPERATION OF URANIUM MINE.—Sec-
21 tion 5(a)(2)(A) is amended by striking “December 31,
22 1971” and inserting “December 31, 1990”.

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

1 “(4) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
 2 WORK HISTORIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AT LEAST
 3 ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE.—An individual meets
 4 the requirements of this paragraph if the individual
 5 worked in one or more of the positions referred to
 6 in paragraph (1)(A)(ii)(III)(bb) for a period of at
 7 least one year during the period described in para-
 8 graph (1)(A)(i)(I).

9 “(5) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
 10 WORK HISTORIES FOR MINERS.—An individual
 11 meets the requirements of this paragraph if the indi-
 12 vidual, during the period described in paragraph
 13 (1)(A)(i)(I), worked as a miner and was exposed to
 14 such number of working level months that the Attor-
 15 ney General determines, when combined with the ex-
 16 posure of such individual to radiation through work
 17 as a miller, core driller, or ore transporter during
 18 the period described in paragraph (1)(A)(i)(I), re-
 19 sults in such individual being exposed to a total level
 20 of radiation that is greater or equal to the level of
 21 exposure of an individual described in paragraph
 22 (4).”.

23 (g) DEFINITION OF CORE DRILLER.—Section 5(b) is
 24 amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (7);

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

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

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

11 **SEC. 206. EXPANSION OF USE OF AFFIDAVITS IN DETER-**
12 **MINATION OF CLAIMS; REGULATIONS.**

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

15 “(3) AFFIDAVITS.—

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

22 “(i) is provided in addition to other
23 material that may be used to substantiate
24 the employment history of the individual;

1 “(ii) attests to the employment history
2 of the individual;

3 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
4 perjury; and

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

7 “(B) PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN AFFECTED
8 AREA.—For purposes of this Act, the Attorney
9 General shall accept a written affidavit or dec-
10 laration as evidence to substantiate an individ-
11 ual’s physical presence in an affected area (as
12 defined in section 4(b)(1)) during a period de-
13 scribed in section 4(a)(1)(A)(i) or section
14 4(a)(2) if the affidavit—

15 “(i) is provided in addition to other
16 material that may be used to substantiate
17 the individual’s presence in an affected
18 area during that time period;

19 “(ii) attests to the individual’s pres-
20 ence in an affected area during that pe-
21 riod;

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

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

1 “(C) PARTICIPATION AT TESTING SITE.—

2 For purposes of this Act, the Attorney General
3 shall accept a written affidavit or declaration as
4 evidence to substantiate an individual’s partici-
5 pation onsite in a test involving the atmospheric
6 detonation of a nuclear device if the affidavit—

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

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

15 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
16 perjury; and

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

19 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 Section 6 is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by striking “section
22 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section 4(a)(2)(E)”;

23 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

24 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

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

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

11 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sec-
 12 tion 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section
 13 4(a)(2)(E)”; and

14 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “subsection
 15 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), or (a)(2)(B) of section 4” and in-
 16 serting “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B),
 17 (a)(2)(C), or (a)(2)(D) of section 4”.

18 (c) REGULATIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(k) is amended by
 20 adding at the end the following: “Not later than 180
 21 days after the date of enactment of the Radiation
 22 Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2025,
 23 the Attorney General shall issue revised regulations
 24 to carry out this Act.”.

1 (2) CONSIDERATIONS IN REVISIONS.—In
 2 issuing revised regulations under section 6(k) of the
 3 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law
 4 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note), as amended under
 5 paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall ensure
 6 that procedures with respect to the submission and
 7 processing of claims under such Act take into ac-
 8 count and make allowances for the law, tradition,
 9 and customs of Indian tribes, including by accepting
 10 as a record of proof of physical presence for a claim-
 11 ant a grazing permit, a homesite lease, a record of
 12 being a holder of a post office box, a letter from an
 13 elected leader of an Indian tribe, or a record of any
 14 recognized tribal association or organization.

15 **SEC. 207. LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.**

16 (a) EXTENSION OF FILING TIME.—Section 8(a) is
 17 amended—

18 (1) by striking “2 years” and inserting “5
 19 years”; and

20 (2) by striking “RECA Extension Act of 2022”
 21 and inserting “Radiation Exposure Compensation
 22 Act Amendments of 2025”.

23 (b) RESUBMITTAL OF CLAIMS.—Section 8(b) is
 24 amended to read as follows:

25 “(b) RESUBMITTAL OF CLAIMS.—

1 “(1) DENIED CLAIMS.—After the date of enact-
2 ment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
3 Amendments of 2025, any claimant who has been
4 denied compensation under this Act may resubmit a
5 claim for consideration by the Attorney General in
6 accordance with this Act not more than three times.
7 Any resubmittal made before the date of the enact-
8 ment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
9 Amendments of 2025 shall not be applied to the lim-
10 itation under the preceding sentence.

11 “(2) PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL CLAIMS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—After the date of en-
13 actment of the Radiation Exposure Compensa-
14 tion Act Amendments of 2025, any claimant
15 who received compensation under this Act may
16 submit a request to the Attorney General for
17 additional compensation and benefits. Such re-
18 quest shall contain—

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

21 “(ii) the amount of award received
22 under this Act before the date of enact-
23 ment of the Radiation Exposure Com-
24 pensation Act Amendments of 2025;

1 “(iii) any additional benefits and com-
 2 pensation sought through such request;
 3 and

4 “(iv) any additional information re-
 5 quired by the Attorney General.

6 “(B) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—If the
 7 claimant received compensation under this Act
 8 before the date of enactment of the Radiation
 9 Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of
 10 2025 and submits a request under subpara-
 11 graph (A), the Attorney General shall—

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

14 “(I) the amount the claimant is
 15 eligible to receive under this Act (as
 16 amended by the Radiation Exposure
 17 Compensation Act Amendments of
 18 2025); minus

19 “(II) the aggregate amount paid
 20 to the claimant under this Act before
 21 the date of enactment of the Radi-
 22 ation Exposure Compensation Act
 23 Amendments of 2025; and

24 “(ii) in any case in which the claimant
 25 was compensated under section 4, provide

1 the claimant with medical benefits under
2 section 4(a)(5).”.

3 **SEC. 208. GRANT PROGRAM ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL IM-**
4 **PACTS OF URANIUM MINING AND MILLING.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

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

13 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
14 a grant program relating to the epidemiological impacts
15 of uranium mining and milling. Grants awarded under the
16 program shall be used for the study of the epidemiological
17 impacts of uranium mining and milling among non-occu-
18 pationally exposed individuals, including family members
19 of uranium miners and millers.

20 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
21 ister the program through the National Institute of Envi-
22 ronmental Health Sciences.

23 (d) ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION.—Any institution
24 of higher education or nonprofit private entity shall be eli-
25 gible to apply for a grant. To apply for a grant an eligible

1 institution or entity shall submit to the Secretary an appli-
 2 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing or
 3 accompanied by such information as the Secretary may
 4 reasonably require.

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 7 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2027.

8 **SEC. 209. ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS**
 9 **COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

10 (a) COVERED EMPLOYEES WITH CANCER.—Section
 11 3621(9) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness
 12 Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384l(9))
 13 is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
 14 the following:

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

18 “(i) that individual contracted that
 19 specified cancer after beginning employ-
 20 ment at a Department of Energy facility
 21 (in the case of a Department of Energy
 22 employee or Department of Energy con-
 23 tractor employee) or at an atomic weapons
 24 employer facility (in the case of an atomic
 25 weapons employee); or

1 “(ii) that individual—

2 “(I) contracted that specified
3 cancer after beginning employment in
4 a uranium mine or uranium mill de-
5 scribed under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i) of
6 the Radiation Exposure Compensation
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (including
8 any individual who was employed in
9 core drilling or the transport of ura-
10 nium ore or vanadium-uranium ore
11 from such mine or mill) located in
12 Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyo-
13 ming, South Dakota, Washington,
14 Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon,
15 Texas, or any State the Attorney Gen-
16 eral makes a determination under sec-
17 tion 5(a)(2) of that Act for inclusion
18 of eligibility under section 5(a)(1) of
19 that Act; and

20 “(II) was employed in a uranium
21 mine or uranium mill described under
22 subclause (I) (including any individual
23 who was employed in core drilling or
24 the transport of uranium ore or vana-
25 dium-uranium ore from such mine or

1 mill) at any time during the period
 2 beginning on January 1, 1942, and
 3 ending on December 31, 1990.”.

4 (b) MEMBERS OF SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT.—
 5 Section 3626 of the Energy Employees Occupational Ill-
 6 ness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
 7 7384q) is amended—

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

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

13 “(A) at any Department of Energy facility
 14 who likely were exposed to radiation at that fa-
 15 cility but for whom it is not feasible to estimate
 16 with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they
 17 received; and

18 “(B) employed in a uranium mine or ura-
 19 nium mill described under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i)
 20 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
 21 (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (including any individual
 22 who was employed in core drilling or the trans-
 23 port of uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore
 24 from such mine or mill) located in Colorado,
 25 New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South Dakota,

1 Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Or-
 2 egon, Texas, and any State the Attorney Gen-
 3 eral makes a determination under section
 4 5(a)(2) of that Act for inclusion of eligibility
 5 under section 5(a)(1) of that Act, at any time
 6 during the period beginning on January 1,
 7 1942, and ending on December 31, 1990, who
 8 likely were exposed to radiation at that mine or
 9 mill but for whom it is not feasible to estimate
 10 with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they
 11 received.”; and

12 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
 13 following:

14 “(b) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—

15 “(1) Subject to the provisions of section
 16 3621(14)(C), the members of a class of employees at
 17 a Department of Energy facility, or at an atomic
 18 weapons employer facility, may be treated as mem-
 19 bers of the Special Exposure Cohort for purposes of
 20 the compensation program if the President, upon
 21 recommendation of the Advisory Board on Radiation
 22 and Worker Health, determines that—

23 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-
 24 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the
 25 class received; and

1 “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that
2 such radiation dose may have endangered the
3 health of members of the class.

4 “(2) Subject to the provisions of section
5 3621(14)(C), the members of a class of employees
6 employed in a uranium mine or uranium mill de-
7 scribed under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i) of the Radiation
8 Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note)
9 (including any individual who was employed in core
10 drilling or the transport of uranium ore or vana-
11 dium-uranium ore from such mine or mill) located in
12 Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South
13 Dakota, Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota,
14 Oregon, Texas, and any State the Attorney General
15 makes a determination under section 5(a)(2) of that
16 Act for inclusion of eligibility under section 5(a)(1)
17 of that Act, at any time during the period beginning
18 on January 1, 1942, and ending on December 31,
19 1990, may be treated as members of the Special Ex-
20 posure Cohort for purposes of the compensation pro-
21 gram if the President, upon recommendation of the
22 Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health,
23 determines that—

1 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-
2 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the
3 class received; and

4 “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that
5 such radiation dose may have endangered the
6 health of members of the class.”.

7 **SEC. 210. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
10 shall conduct, and submit to Congress a report describing
11 the results of, a study on the importance of, and need for,
12 unmet medical benefits coverage for individuals who were
13 exposed to radiation in atmospheric nuclear tests con-
14 ducted by the Federal Government, and recommendations
15 to provide such unmet medical benefits coverage for such
16 individuals.

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