

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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Add at the end of division A the following:

1 TITLE XIX—RADIATION EXPO-
2 SURE COMPENSATION REAU-
3 THORIZATION

4 Subtitle A—Manhattan Project
5 Waste

6 SEC. 1901. CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT
7 WASTE.

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

11 “SEC. 5A. CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT
12 WASTE.

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

16 “(1) a claim for compensation is filed with the
17 Attorney General—

18 “(A) by an individual described in para-
19 graph (2); or

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

4 “(i) an executor of estate of that indi-
5 vidual; or

6 “(ii) a legal guardian or conservator
7 of that individual;

8 “(2) that individual, or if applicable, an author-
9 ized agent of that individual, demonstrates that the
10 individual—

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

14 “(B) contracted a specified disease after
15 such period of physical presence;

16 “(3) the Attorney General certifies that the
17 identity of that individual, and if applicable, the au-
18 thorized agent of that individual, is not fraudulent
19 or otherwise misrepresented; and

20 “(4) the Attorney General determines that the
21 claimant has satisfied the applicable requirements of
22 this Act.

23 “(b) LOSSES AVAILABLE TO LIVING AFFECTED INDIV-
24 VIDUALS.—

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

10 “(2) LOSSES DUE TO MEDICAL EXPENSES.—A
11 claimant described in paragraph (1) shall be eligible
12 to receive, upon submission of contemporaneous
13 written medical records, reports, or billing state-
14 ments created by or at the direction of a licensed
15 medical professional who provided contemporaneous
16 medical care to the claimant, additional compensa-
17 tion in the amount of all documented out-of-pocket
18 medical expenses incurred as a result of the specified
19 disease suffered by that claimant, such as any med-
20 ical expenses not covered, paid for, or reimbursed
21 through—

22 “(A) any public or private health insur-
23 ance;

24 “(B) any employee health insurance;

1 “(C) any workers’ compensation program;

2 or

3 “(D) any other public, private, or employee

4 health program or benefit.

5 “(c) PAYMENTS TO BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED

6 INDIVIDUALS.—In the event that an individual described

7 in subsection (a)(2) who qualifies for compensation under

8 subsection (a) is deceased at the time of submission of

9 the claim—

10 “(1) a surviving spouse may, upon submission

11 of a claim and records sufficient to satisfy the re-

12 quirements of subsection (a) with respect to the de-

13 ceased individual, receive compensation in the

14 amount of \$25,000; or

15 “(2) in the event that there is no surviving

16 spouse, the surviving children, minor or otherwise, of

17 the deceased individual may, upon submission of a

18 claim and records sufficient to satisfy the require-

19 ments of subsection (a) with respect to the deceased

20 individual, receive compensation in the total amount

21 of \$25,000, paid in equal shares to each surviving

22 child.

23 “(d) AFFECTED AREA.—For purposes of this section,

24 the term ‘affected area’ means—

1 “(1) in the State of Missouri, the ZIP Codes of
2 63031, 63033, 63034, 63042, 63045, 63074, 63114,
3 63135, 63138, 63044, 63121, 63140, 63145, 63147,
4 63102, 63304, 63134, 63043, 63341, 63368, and
5 63367;

6 “(2) in the State of Tennessee, the ZIP Codes
7 of 37716, 37840, 37719, 37748, 37763, 37828,
8 37769, 37710, 37845, 37887, 37829, 37854, 37830,
9 and 37831;

10 “(3) in the State of Alaska, the ZIP Codes of
11 99546 and 99547;

12 “(4) in the State of Kentucky, the ZIP Codes
13 of 42001, 42003, 42053, and 42086;

14 “(5) in the State of Ohio, the ZIP Codes of
15 45002, 45013, 45014, 45030, 45053, 45247, 45251,
16 45252, 45613, 45648, 45661, and 45690;

17 “(6) in the State of Pennsylvania, the ZIP
18 Codes of 15641, 15656, and 15960; and

19 “(7) in the State of Washington, the ZIP Codes
20 of 98832, 98837, 98857, 98930, 98944, 99105,
21 99144, 99159, 99169, 99301, 99320, 99321, 99323,
22 99324, 99326, 99330, 99333, 99335, 99336, 99337,
23 99338, 99341, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99346, 99348,
24 99349, 99350, 99352, 99353, 99354, 99357, 99359,
25 99360, 99361, 99362, 99363, and 99371.

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

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

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

11 “(A) Multiple myeloma.

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

14 “(C) Primary cancer of the—

15 “(i) thyroid;

16 “(ii) male or female breast;

17 “(iii) esophagus;

18 “(iv) stomach;

19 “(v) pharynx;

20 “(vi) small intestine;

21 “(vii) pancreas;

22 “(viii) bile ducts;

23 “(ix) gall bladder;

24 “(x) salivary gland;

25 “(xi) urinary bladder;

1 “(xii) brain;

2 “(xiii) colon;

3 “(xiv) ovary;

4 “(xv) bone;

5 “(xvi) renal;

6 “(xvii) liver, except if cirrhosis or hep-
7 atitis B is indicated; or

8 “(xviii) lung.

9 “(f) PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—

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

14 “(A) contemporaneous written residential
15 documentation and at least 1 additional em-
16 ployer-issued or government-issued document or
17 record that the claimant, for at least 2 years
18 after January 1, 1949, was physically present
19 in an affected area; or

20 “(B) other documentation determined by
21 the Attorney General to demonstrate that the
22 claimant, for at least 2 years after January 1,
23 1949, was physically present in an affected
24 area.

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

5 “(A) the claimant’s primary residence was
6 in the affected area;

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

9 “(C) the claimant attended school in the
10 affected area.

11 “(g) DISEASE CONTRACTION IN AFFECTED
12 AREAS.—For purposes of this section, the Attorney Gen-
13 eral shall not determine that a claimant has satisfied the
14 requirements of subsection (a) unless the claimant sub-
15 mits—

16 “(1) written medical records or reports created
17 by or at the direction of a licensed medical profes-
18 sional, created contemporaneously with the provision
19 of medical care to the claimant, that the claimant,
20 after a period of physical presence in an affected
21 area, contracted a specified disease; or

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

1 **SEC. 1902. CONTRACTS TO SUPPORT HUMAN AND ECOLOGI-**
2 **CAL HEALTH AT AMCHITKA, ALASKA, SITE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In awarding contracts to carry
4 out the Long-Term Surveillance Plan, the Secretary of
5 Energy, acting through the Director of the Office of Leg-
6 acy Management, shall give preference to eligible associa-
7 tions.

8 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—A contract awarded to an eligi-
9 ble association by the Secretary of Energy to carry out
10 the Long-Term Surveillance Plan shall require that the
11 eligible association—

12 (1) engage in stakeholder engagement; and

13 (2) to the greatest extent practicable, incor-
14 porate Indigenous knowledge and the participation
15 of local Indian Tribes in research and development
16 and workforce development activities.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “eligible association” means an
19 association of 2 or more of the following:

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

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

25 (C) A local Indian Tribe.

26 (D) An organization—

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

5 (ii) located in the State of Alaska.

6 (2) The term “local Indian Tribe” means an
7 Indian tribe (as that term is defined in section 4 of
8 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-
9 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)) that is located in the
10 Aleut Region of the State of Alaska.

11 (3) The term “Long-Term Surveillance Plan”
12 means the plan entitled “Long-Term Surveillance
13 Plan for the Amchitka, Alaska, Site”, published by
14 the Office of Legacy Management of the Depart-
15 ment of Energy in July 2014.

16 **Subtitle B—Compensation for**
17 **Workers Involved in Uranium**
18 **Mining and Individuals Living**
19 **Downwind of Atmospheric Nu-**
20 **clear Testing**

21 **SEC. 1911. REFERENCES.**

22 Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in
23 this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
24 of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provi-
25 sion of law, the reference shall be considered to be made

1 to a section or other provision of the Radiation Exposure
2 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
3 note).

4 **SEC. 1912. EXTENSION OF FUND.**

5 Section 3(d) is amended—

6 (1) by striking the first sentence and inserting
7 “The Fund shall terminate 6 years after the date of
8 the enactment of the Servicemember Quality of Life
9 Improvement and National Defense Authorization
10 Act for Fiscal Year 2025.”; and

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

12 **SEC. 1913. CLAIMS RELATING TO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING.**

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

16 (1) in clause (i)—

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

19 (B) in subclause (II)—

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

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

24 (C) by redesignating subclause (III) as
25 subclause (V); and

1 (D) by inserting after subclause (II) the
2 following:

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

8 “(IV) was physically present in an af-
9 fected area—

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

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

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

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

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

3 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
4 the following:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

19 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and
20 inserting “in an affected area”;

21 (B) by striking “2 years” and inserting “1
22 year”; and

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

25 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and
2 inserting “in an affected area”; and

3 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

4 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
5 paragraph (E); and

6 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
7 lowing:

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

12 “(D) was physically present in an affected
13 area—

14 “(i) for a period of at least 1 year
15 during the period beginning on July 1,
16 1946, and ending on November 6, 1962; or

17 “(ii) for the period beginning on April
18 25, 1962, and ending on November 6,
19 1962; or”.

20 (e) AMOUNTS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO SPECIFIED
21 DISEASES.—Section 4(a)(2) is amended in the matter fol-
22 lowing subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by subsection
23 (d) of this section) by striking “\$50,000 (in the case of
24 an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B)) or

1 \$75,000 (in the case of an individual described in subpara-
2 graph (C)),” and inserting “\$100,000”.

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

5 “(1) ‘affected area’ means—

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

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

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

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

20 **SEC. 1914. CLAIMS RELATING TO URANIUM MINING.**

21 (a) EMPLOYEES OF MINES AND MILLS.—Section
22 5(a)(1)(A)(i) is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (d) COMBINED WORK HISTORIES.—Section
23 5(a)(1)(A)(ii) is further amended—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 “(4) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
25 WORK HISTORIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AT LEAST

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

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

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

23 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
24 (7);

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

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

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

9 **SEC. 1915. EXPANSION OF USE OF AFFIDAVITS IN DETER-**
10 **MINATION OF CLAIMS; REGULATIONS.**

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

13 “(3) AFFIDAVITS.—

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

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

23 “(ii) attests to the employment history
24 of the individual;

1 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
2 perjury; and

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

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

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

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

20 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
21 perjury; and

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

24 “(C) PARTICIPATION AT TESTING SITE.—
25 For purposes of this Act, the Attorney General

1 shall accept a written affidavit or declaration as
2 evidence to substantiate an individual’s partici-
3 pation onsite in a test involving the atmospheric
4 detonation of a nuclear device if the affidavit—

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

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

13 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
14 perjury; and

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

17 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
18 Section 6 is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by striking “section
20 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section 4(a)(2)(E)”;

21 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

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

1 “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B),
2 (a)(2)(C), or (a)(2)(D) of section 4”; and
3 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “sub-
4 section (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), or (a)(2)(B) of
5 section 4” and inserting “subsection
6 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B), (a)(2)(C), or
7 (a)(2)(D) of section 4”; and
8 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sec-
9 tion 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section
10 4(a)(2)(E)”; and
11 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “subsection
12 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), or (a)(2)(B) of section 4” and in-
13 serting “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B),
14 (a)(2)(C), or (a)(2)(D) of section 4”.

15 (c) REGULATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(k) is amended by
17 adding at the end the following: “Not later than 180
18 days after the date of enactment of the Servicemem-
19 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National De-
20 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, the
21 Attorney General shall issue revised regulations to
22 carry out this Act.”.

23 (2) CONSIDERATIONS IN REVISIONS.—In
24 issuing revised regulations under section 6(k) of the
25 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law

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

12 **SEC. 1916. LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.**

13 (a) EXTENSION OF FILING TIME.—Section 8(a) is
14 amended—

15 (1) by striking “2 years” and inserting “5
16 years”; and

17 (2) by striking “RECA Extension Act of 2022”
18 and inserting “Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
19 provement and National Defense Authorization Act
20 for Fiscal Year 2025”.

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

23 “(b) RESUBMITTAL OF CLAIMS.—

24 “(1) DENIED CLAIMS.—After the date of enact-
25 ment of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-

1 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for
2 Fiscal Year 2025, any claimant who has been denied
3 compensation under this Act may resubmit a claim
4 for consideration by the Attorney General in accord-
5 ance with this Act not more than three times. Any
6 resubmittal made before the date of the enactment
7 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement
8 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
9 Year 2025 shall not be applied to the limitation
10 under the preceding sentence.

11 “(2) PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL CLAIMS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—After the date of en-
13 actment of the Servicemember Quality of Life
14 Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
15 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025, any claimant
16 who received compensation under this Act may
17 submit a request to the Attorney General for
18 additional compensation and benefits. Such re-
19 quest shall contain—

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

22 “(ii) the amount of award received
23 under this Act before the date of enact-
24 ment of the Servicemember Quality of Life

1 Improvement and National Defense Au-
2 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025;

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

6 “(iv) any additional information re-
7 quired by the Attorney General.

8 “(B) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—If the
9 claimant received compensation under this Act
10 before the date of enactment of the Service-
11 member Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
12 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
13 Year 2025 and submits a request under sub-
14 paragraph (A), the Attorney General shall—

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

17 “(I) the amount the claimant is
18 eligible to receive under this Act (as
19 amended by the Servicemember Qual-
20 ity of Life Improvement and National
21 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
22 Year 2025); minus

23 “(II) the aggregate amount paid
24 to the claimant under this Act before
25 the date of enactment of the Service-

1 member Quality of Life Improvement
2 and National Defense Authorization
3 Act for Fiscal Year 2025; and
4 “(ii) in any case in which the claimant
5 was compensated under section 4, provide
6 the claimant with medical benefits under
7 section 4(a)(5).”.

8 **SEC. 1917. GRANT PROGRAM ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL IM-**
9 **PACTS OF URANIUM MINING AND MILLING.**

10 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

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

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

1 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
2 ister the program through the National Institute of Envi-
3 ronmental Health Sciences.

4 (d) ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION.—Any institution
5 of higher education or nonprofit private entity shall be eli-
6 gible to apply for a grant. To apply for a grant an eligible
7 institution or entity shall submit to the Secretary an appli-
8 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing or
9 accompanied by such information as the Secretary may
10 reasonably require.

11 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
13 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2027.

14 **SEC. 1918. ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS**
15 **COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

16 (a) COVERED EMPLOYEES WITH CANCER.—Section
17 3621(9) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness
18 Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384l(9))
19 is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
20 the following:

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

24 “(i) that individual contracted that
25 specified cancer after beginning employ-

1 ment at a Department of Energy facility
2 (in the case of a Department of Energy
3 employee or Department of Energy con-
4 tractor employee) or at an atomic weapons
5 employer facility (in the case of an atomic
6 weapons employee); or

7 “(ii) that individual—

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

1 “(II) was employed in a uranium
2 mine or uranium mill described under
3 subclause (I) (including any individual
4 who was employed in core drilling or
5 the transport of uranium ore or vana-
6 dium-uranium ore from such mine or
7 mill) at any time during the period
8 beginning on January 1, 1942, and
9 ending on December 31, 1990.”.

10 (b) MEMBERS OF SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT.—
11 Section 3626 of the Energy Employees Occupational Ill-
12 ness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
13 7384q) is amended—

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

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

19 “(A) at any Department of Energy facility
20 who likely were exposed to radiation at that fa-
21 cility but for whom it is not feasible to estimate
22 with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they
23 received; and

24 “(B) employed in a uranium mine or ura-
25 nium mill described under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i)

1 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (including any individual
3 who was employed in core drilling or the trans-
4 port of uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore
5 from such mine or mill) located in Colorado,
6 New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South Dakota,
7 Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Or-
8 egon, Texas, and any State the Attorney Gen-
9 eral makes a determination under section
10 5(a)(2) of that Act for inclusion of eligibility
11 under section 5(a)(1) of that Act, at any time
12 during the period beginning on January 1,
13 1942, and ending on December 31, 1990, who
14 likely were exposed to radiation at that mine or
15 mill but for whom it is not feasible to estimate
16 with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they
17 received.”; and

18 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
19 following:

20 “(b) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—

21 “(1) Subject to the provisions of section
22 3621(14)(C), the members of a class of employees at
23 a Department of Energy facility, or at an atomic
24 weapons employer facility, may be treated as mem-
25 bers of the Special Exposure Cohort for purposes of

1 the compensation program if the President, upon
2 recommendation of the Advisory Board on Radiation
3 and Worker Health, determines that—

4 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-
5 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the
6 class received; and

7 “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that
8 such radiation dose may have endangered the
9 health of members of the class.

10 “(2) Subject to the provisions of section
11 3621(14)(C), the members of a class of employees
12 employed in a uranium mine or uranium mill de-
13 scribed under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i) of the Radiation
14 Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note)
15 (including any individual who was employed in core
16 drilling or the transport of uranium ore or vana-
17 dium-uranium ore from such mine or mill) located in
18 Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South
19 Dakota, Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota,
20 Oregon, Texas, and any State the Attorney General
21 makes a determination under section 5(a)(2) of that
22 Act for inclusion of eligibility under section 5(a)(1)
23 of that Act, at any time during the period beginning
24 on January 1, 1942, and ending on December 31,
25 1990, may be treated as members of the Special Ex-

1 posure Cohort for purposes of the compensation pro-
2 gram if the President, upon recommendation of the
3 Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health,
4 determines that—

5 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-
6 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the
7 class received; and

8 “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that
9 such radiation dose may have endangered the
10 health of members of the class.”.

11 **SEC. 1919. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.**

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

21 **SEC. 1920. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND FUND AVAIL-**
22 **ABILITY.**

23 Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the
24 fund established by section 3 of Public Law 101-426 (42
25 U.S.C. 2210 note) shall be available for all administrative

1 expenses incurred by the Department of Justice in the ad-
2 judication and processing of fund-related claims and dis-
3 bursements. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
4 the fund shall remain available until the Attorney General
5 determines, consistent with section 6 of Public Law 101-
6 426, that all timely claims have either been paid or, to
7 the extent any claims were denied, claimants have had full
8 opportunity for administrative and judicial review of such
9 denials.

