Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program

Resources

“What should I do?”
If you think you might have been exposed:

- Call 1-888-ASK-HRSA
- Visit http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/radiationexposure
- Call the RESEP site closest to where you may have been exposed (see back of pamphlet for a list of RESEP sites)

For information on compensation through RECA
Phone: 1-800-729-7327
Email: civil.reca@usdoj.gov
http://www.usdoj.gov/civil/torts/const/reca/

Office of Rural Health Policy
The Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) promotes better health care service in rural America. Established in 1987, ORHP is part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). ORHP informs and advises the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on matters affecting rural hospitals and health care, coordinates activities within the department that relate to rural health care, and maintains a national information clearinghouse. ORHP oversees RESEP.

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RESEP Sites

Dixie Regional Medical Center
544 South 400 East
St. George, Utah 84770
Telephone: 435-688-5990

North Country Healthcare
2920 N. 4th Street
Flagstaff, Arizona 86004
Telephone: 928-774-6299

Northern Navajo Medical Center
Navajo Area RESEP
P.O. Box 160
Shiprock, New Mexico 87420
Telephone: 505-368-7014

National Jewish Health
1400 Jackson Street
Denver, Colorado 80206
Telephone: 303-270-2641

University of Nevada School of Medicine
2410 Fire Mesa Street, Suite 180
Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
Telephone: 702-992-6887

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center
Department of Internal Medicine
MSC 10 5550 1 UNM
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131
Telephone: 505-272-5880

Utah Navajo Health System, Inc
P.O. Box 130
Montezuma Creek, Utah 84534
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Education and information
Screening for cancer and other diseases
Referrals for medical treatment
Help with documenting claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
RESEP
The Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program (RESEP) helps thousands of people harmed by nuclear weapons testing and by employment in the uranium mining industry. RESEP provides funding to:
- Develop public education and information
- Screen for cancer and other related diseases
- Refer people for medical treatment
- Help document claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
From 1945 to 1962, several nuclear tests exposed people to radiation. People employed in the uranium mining industry between 1942 and 1971 were also at risk of exposure. When it was discovered that radiation increases risk for certain cancers and respiratory diseases, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) was established to pay $50,000—$100,000 to people with illnesses that may have resulted from radiation exposure.

To be eligible, you must meet the criteria for one of the following exposure categories:

1) Uranium Miners
Employed in uranium mines located in AZ, CO, ID, ND, NM, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, or WY at any time from 1942 through 1971.
- Worked at least 1 year.
- Have primary lung cancer or certain nonmalignant respiratory diseases.

2) Uranium Mill Workers
Employed in uranium mills located in AZ, CO, ID, ND, NM, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, or WY at any time from 1942 through 1971.
- Worked at least 1 year.
- Have primary lung cancer, certain nonmalignant respiratory diseases, renal cancer, or other chronic renal disease including nephritis and kidney tubal tissue injury.

3) Ore Transporters
Employed in the transport of uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore from mines or mills located in AZ, CO, ID, ND, NM, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, or WY at any time from 1942 through 1971.
- Worked at least 1 year.
- Have primary lung cancer, certain nonmalignant respiratory diseases, renal cancer, or other chronic renal disease including nephritis and kidney tubal tissue injury.

4) Onsite Participants
Participated onsite in a test involving the atmospheric detonation of a nuclear device.
- Present within the boundaries of the Nevada, Pacific, South Atlantic, or Trinity Test Sites during atmospheric nuclear testing and participated in the atmospheric detonation of a nuclear device.
- After the onsite participation, contracted leukemia (other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia), lung cancer, multiple myeloma, lymphomas (other than Hodgkin's disease), and primary cancer of the thyroid, male or female breast, esophagus, stomach, pharynx, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary bladder, brain, colon, ovary, liver, or lung.

5) Downwinders
Physically present in one of the affected areas downwind of the Nevada Test Site in certain counties of AZ, NV, or UT during a period of atmospheric nuclear testing, and later contracted a specified compensable disease.
- Lived or worked downwind of atmospheric nuclear tests for a period of at least 2 years during parts of 1951-1958 and 1962.
- Have leukemia (other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia), multiple myeloma, lymphomas (other than Hodgkin's disease), and primary cancer of the thyroid, breast, esophagus, stomach, pharynx, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary bladder, brain, colon, ovary, liver, or lung.