

**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 INDI-  
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;

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; and

1           “(8) in the State of Illinois, the ZIP Code of  
2           62060.

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

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

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

13           “(A) Multiple myeloma.

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

16           “(C) Primary cancer of the—

17           “(i) thyroid;

18           “(ii) male or female breast;

19           “(iii) esophagus;

20           “(iv) stomach;

21           “(v) pharynx;

22           “(vi) small intestine;

23           “(vii) pancreas;

24           “(viii) bile ducts;

25           “(ix) gall bladder;

- 1                   “(x) salivary gland;  
2                   “(xi) urinary bladder;  
3                   “(xii) brain;  
4                   “(xiii) colon;  
5                   “(xiv) ovary;  
6                   “(xv) bone;  
7                   “(xvi) renal;  
8                   “(xvii) liver, except if cirrhosis or hep-  
9                   atitis B is indicated; or  
10                   “(xviii) lung.

11           “(f) PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—

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

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

22                           “(B) other documentation determined by  
23                           the Attorney General to demonstrate that the  
24                           claimant, for at least 2 years after January 1,

1           1949, was physically present in an affected  
2           area.

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

7                   “(A) the claimant’s primary residence was  
8                   in the affected area;

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

11                  “(C) the claimant attended school in the  
12                  affected area.

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

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

24                   “(2) other documentation determined by the At-  
25                   torney General to demonstrate that the claimant



1           contracted a specified disease after a period of phys-  
2           ical presence in an affected area.”.

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

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

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

14                   (1) engage in stakeholder engagement; and

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

19          (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

22                           (A) An institution of higher education (as  
23 that term is defined in section 101(a) of the  
24 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
25 1001(a))) located in the State of Alaska.

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

2 (C) A local Indian Tribe.

3 (D) An organization—

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

8 (ii) located in the State of Alaska.

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

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

1 **Subtitle B—Compensation for**  
2 **Workers Involved in Uranium**  
3 **Mining and Individuals Living**  
4 **Downwind of Atmospheric Nu-**  
5 **clear Testing**

6 **SEC. 1911. REFERENCES.**

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

14 **SEC. 1912. EXTENSION OF FUND.**

15 Section 3(d) is amended—

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

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

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

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

1 (1) in clause (i)—

2 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “October  
3 31, 1958” and inserting “November 6, 1962”;

4 (B) in subclause (II)—

5 (i) by striking “in the affected area”  
6 and inserting “in an affected area”; and

7 (ii) by striking “or” after the semi-  
8 colon;

9 (C) by redesignating subclause (III) as  
10 subclause (V); and

11 (D) by inserting after subclause (II) the  
12 following:

13 “(III) was physically present in an af-  
14 fected area for a period of at least 1 year  
15 during the period beginning on September  
16 24, 1944, and ending on November 6,  
17 1962;

18 “(IV) was physically present in an af-  
19 fected area—

20 “(aa) for a period of at least 1  
21 year during the period beginning on  
22 July 1, 1946, and ending on Novem-  
23 ber 6, 1962; or

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

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

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

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

14 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting  
15 the following:

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

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

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

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

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

5 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and  
7 inserting “in an affected area”;

8 (B) by striking “2 years” and inserting “1  
9 year”; and

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

12 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

13 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and  
14 inserting “in an affected area”; and

15 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

16 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
17 paragraph (E); and

18 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
19 lowing:

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

24 “(D) was physically present in an affected  
25 area—

1                   “(i) for a period of at least 1 year  
2                   during the period beginning on July 1,  
3                   1946, and ending on November 6, 1962; or  
4                   “(ii) for the period beginning on April  
5                   25, 1962, and ending on November 6,  
6                   1962; or”.

7           (e) AMOUNTS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO SPECIFIED  
8 DISEASES.—Section 4(a)(2) is amended in the matter fol-  
9 lowing subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by subsection  
10 (d) of this section) by striking “\$50,000 (in the case of  
11 an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B)) or  
12 \$75,000 (in the case of an individual described in subpara-  
13 graph (C)),” and inserting “\$100,000”.

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

16                   “(1) ‘affected area’ means—

17                           “(A) except as provided under subpara-  
18                           graphs (B) and (C), Arizona, Colorado, Idaho,  
19                           Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and  
20                           Guam;

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

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

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

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

9           (a) EMPLOYEES OF MINES AND MILLS.—Section  
10          5(a)(1)(A)(i) is amended—

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

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

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

15                   “(II) was employed as a core driller in  
16                   a State referred to in subclause (I) during  
17                   the period described in such subclause;  
18                   and”.

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

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



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

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

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

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

11       (d) COMBINED WORK HISTORIES.—Section  
12 5(a)(1)(A)(ii) is further amended—

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

14       and

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

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

18                   “(bb) worked, during the period de-  
19 scribed in clause (i)(I), in two or more of  
20 the following positions: miner, miller, core  
21 driller, and ore transporter;

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

24                   “(dd) submits written medical docu-  
25 mentation that the individual developed

1 lung cancer or a nonmalignant respiratory  
2 disease or renal cancer or any other chron-  
3 ic renal disease, including nephritis and  
4 kidney tubal tissue injury after exposure to  
5 radiation through work in one or more of  
6 the positions referred to in item (bb);”.

7 (e) DATES OF OPERATION OF URANIUM MINE.—Sec-  
8 tion 5(a)(2)(A) is amended by striking “December 31,  
9 1971” and inserting “December 31, 1990”.

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

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

21 “(5) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED  
22 WORK HISTORIES FOR MINERS.—An individual  
23 meets the requirements of this paragraph if the indi-  
24 vidual, during the period described in paragraph  
25 (1)(A)(i)(I), worked as a miner and was exposed to

1 such number of working level months that the Attor-  
2 ney General determines, when combined with the ex-  
3 posure of such individual to radiation through work  
4 as a miller, core driller, or ore transporter during  
5 the period described in paragraph (1)(A)(i)(I), re-  
6 sults in such individual being exposed to a total level  
7 of radiation that is greater or equal to the level of  
8 exposure of an individual described in paragraph  
9 (4).”.

10 (g) DEFINITION OF CORE DRILLER.—Section 5(b) is  
11 amended—

12 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
13 (7);

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

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

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

22 **SEC. 1915. EXPANSION OF USE OF AFFIDAVITS IN DETER-**  
23 **MINATION OF CLAIMS; REGULATIONS.**

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

1 “(3) AFFIDAVITS.—

2 “(A) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.—For pur-  
3 poses of this Act, the Attorney General shall ac-  
4 cept a written affidavit or declaration as evi-  
5 dence to substantiate the employment history of  
6 an individual as a miner, miller, core driller, or  
7 ore transporter if the affidavit—

8 “(i) is provided in addition to other  
9 material that may be used to substantiate  
10 the employment history of the individual;

11 “(ii) attests to the employment history  
12 of the individual;

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) PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN AFFECTED  
18 AREA.—For purposes of this Act, the Attorney  
19 General shall accept a written affidavit or dec-  
20 laration as evidence to substantiate an individ-  
21 ual’s physical presence in an affected area (as  
22 defined in section 4(b)(1)) during a period de-  
23 scribed in section 4(a)(1)(A)(i) or section  
24 4(a)(2) if the affidavit—

1           “(i) is provided in addition to other  
2           material that may be used to substantiate  
3           the individual’s presence in an affected  
4           area during that time period;

5           “(ii) attests to the individual’s pres-  
6           ence in an affected area during that pe-  
7           riod;

8           “(iii) is made subject to penalty for  
9           perjury; and

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

12          “(C) PARTICIPATION AT TESTING SITE.—  
13          For purposes of this Act, the Attorney General  
14          shall accept a written affidavit or declaration as  
15          evidence to substantiate an individual’s partici-  
16          pation onsite in a test involving the atmospheric  
17          detonation of a nuclear device if the affidavit—

18               “(i) is provided in addition to other  
19               material that may be used to substantiate  
20               the individual’s participation onsite in a  
21               test involving the atmospheric detonation  
22               of a nuclear device;

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

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) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—  
6 Section 6 is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by striking “section  
8 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section 4(a)(2)(E)”;

9 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

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

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

21 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sec-  
22 tion 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section  
23 4(a)(2)(E)”;

24 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “subsection  
25 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), or (a)(2)(B) of section 4” and in-

1       serting “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B),  
2       (a)(2)(C), or (a)(2)(D) of section 4”.

3       (c) REGULATIONS.—

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

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

1 **SEC. 1916. LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.**

2 (a) **EXTENSION OF FILING TIME.**—Section 8(a) is  
3 amended—

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

6 (2) by striking “RECA Extension Act of 2022”  
7 and inserting “Servicemember Quality of Life Im-  
8 provement and National Defense Authorization Act  
9 for Fiscal Year 2025”.

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

12 “(b) **RESUBMITTAL OF CLAIMS.**—

13 “(1) **DENIED CLAIMS.**—After the date of enact-  
14 ment of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-  
15 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for  
16 Fiscal Year 2025, any claimant who has been denied  
17 compensation under this Act may resubmit a claim  
18 for consideration by the Attorney General in accord-  
19 ance with this Act not more than three times. Any  
20 resubmittal made before the date of the enactment  
21 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement  
22 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
23 Year 2025 shall not be applied to the limitation  
24 under the preceding sentence.

25 “(2) **PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL CLAIMS.**—



1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—After the date of en-  
2           actment of the Servicemember Quality of Life  
3           Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-  
4           tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025, any claimant  
5           who received compensation under this Act may  
6           submit a request to the Attorney General for  
7           additional compensation and benefits. Such re-  
8           quest shall contain—

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

11                  “(ii) the amount of award received  
12                  under this Act before the date of enact-  
13                  ment of the Servicemember Quality of Life  
14                  Improvement and National Defense Au-  
15                  thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025;

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

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

21           “(B) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—If the  
22           claimant received compensation under this Act  
23           before the date of enactment of the Service-  
24           member Quality of Life Improvement and Na-  
25           tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1           Year 2025 and submits a request under sub-  
2           paragraph (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 Servicemember Qual-  
8                           ity of Life Improvement and National  
9                           Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
10                          Year 2025); minus

11                           “(II) the aggregate amount paid  
12                           to the claimant under this Act before  
13                           the date of enactment of the Service-  
14                           member Quality of Life Improvement  
15                           and National Defense Authorization  
16                           Act for Fiscal Year 2025; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15          (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-  
16          ister the program through the National Institute of Envi-  
17          ronmental Health Sciences.

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

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

4 **SEC. 1918. ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS**  
5 **COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

6 (a) COVERED EMPLOYEES WITH CANCER.—Section  
7 3621(9) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness  
8 Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 73841(9))  
9 is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting  
10 the following:

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

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

22 “(ii) that individual—

23 “(I) contracted that specified  
24 cancer after beginning employment in  
25 a uranium mine or uranium mill de-

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 “(B) employed in a uranium mine or ura-  
16 nium mill described under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i)  
17 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act  
18 (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (including any individual  
19 who was employed in core drilling or the trans-  
20 port of uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore  
21 from such mine or mill) located in Colorado,  
22 New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South Dakota,  
23 Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Or-  
24 egon, Texas, and any State the Attorney Gen-  
25 eral makes a determination under section

1           5(a)(2) of that Act for inclusion of eligibility  
2           under section 5(a)(1) of that Act, at any time  
3           during the period beginning on January 1,  
4           1942, and ending on December 31, 1990, who  
5           likely were exposed to radiation at that mine or  
6           mill but for whom it is not feasible to estimate  
7           with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they  
8           received.”; and

9           (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
10          following:

11          “(b) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—

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

20                         “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-  
21                         ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the  
22                         class received; and

23                         “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that  
24                         such radiation dose may have endangered the  
25                         health of members of the class.

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

21                 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-  
22                 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the  
23                 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 **SEC. 1919. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.**

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

14 **SEC. 1920. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND FUND AVAIL-**  
15 **ABILITY.**

16           Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the  
17 fund established by section 3 of Public Law 101-426 (42  
18 U.S.C. 2210 note) shall be available for all administrative  
19 expenses incurred by the Department of Justice in the ad-  
20 judication and processing of fund-related claims and dis-  
21 bursements. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
22 the fund shall remain available until the Attorney General  
23 determines, consistent with section 6 of Public Law 101-  
24 426, that all timely claims have either been paid or, to  
25 the extent any claims were denied, claimants have had full

- 1 opportunity for administrative and judicial review of such
- 2 denials.

