



**Energy Employees
Occupational Illness
Compensation Program**

**Benefit
Information
for Nuclear
Weapons
Industry
Workers and
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ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT (EEOICPA)

Provides compensation and medical benefits to employees of the Department of Energy (DOE), its predecessor agencies, and its contractors and subcontractors, and employees of DOE designated Atomic Weapon Employers (AWE) and Beryllium Vendors who became ill as a result of work performed in the production and testing of nuclear weapons.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS?

CURRENT OR FORMER WORKERS OR SURVIVORS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS IF THE EMPLOYEE:

suffered radiation-induced cancers, beryllium diseases or silicosis AND was exposed to radiation, beryllium or silica while working in the nuclear weapons industry for the Department of Energy or its contractors or subcontractors, or for a designated AWE or Beryllium Vendor. Silicosis is only covered for employees who worked during mining of atomic weapons test tunnels in Nevada or Alaska.

Uranium miners, millers and ore transporters (or their eligible survivors) may be eligible for benefits if they have received an award of benefits under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) administered by the Department of Justice.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

A lump sum payment of \$150,000 and payment of medical expenses from the filing date of the claim for:

- Radiogenic cancers
- Chronic Beryllium Disease
- Chronic Silicosis

Medical Monitoring for employees diagnosed with beryllium sensitivity.

A lump sum payment of \$50,000 for uranium miners, millers, and ore transporters (or their eligible survivors) who have been awarded compensation under Section 5 of RECA and payment of medical expenses for the conditions accepted under RECA.

ELIGIBLE SURVIVOR REQUIREMENTS

Spouse: married to the covered employee for one year immediately prior to the date of the employee's death.

Children: if no surviving spouse; a child, regardless of age, if the parent was a covered employee.

Additional survivors: if no surviving spouse or children in order of precedence: parents, grandchildren, grandparents.