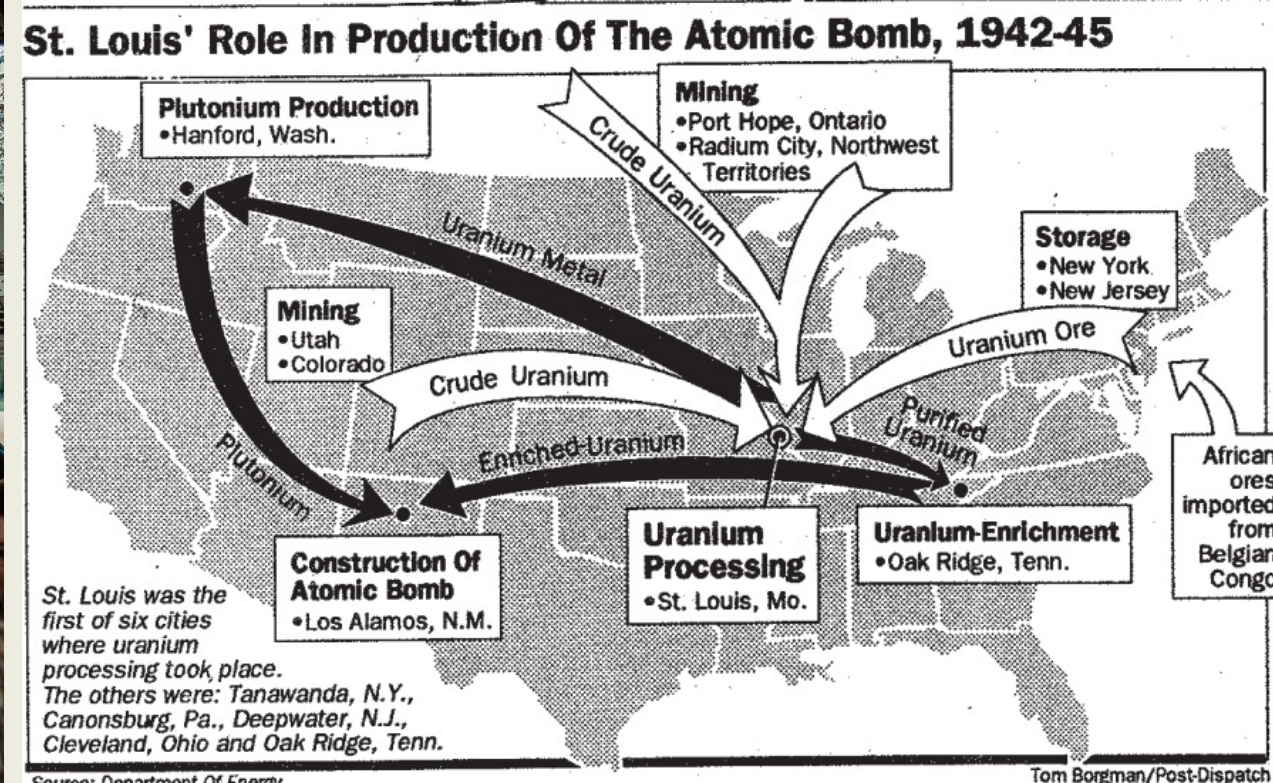




# RECA

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act  
- Manhattan Project Waste Claimants -





# What is RECA?

RECA is a federal program, administered by the Department of Justice, that provides compensation to those harmed by radioactive waste during the WWII and Cold War eras

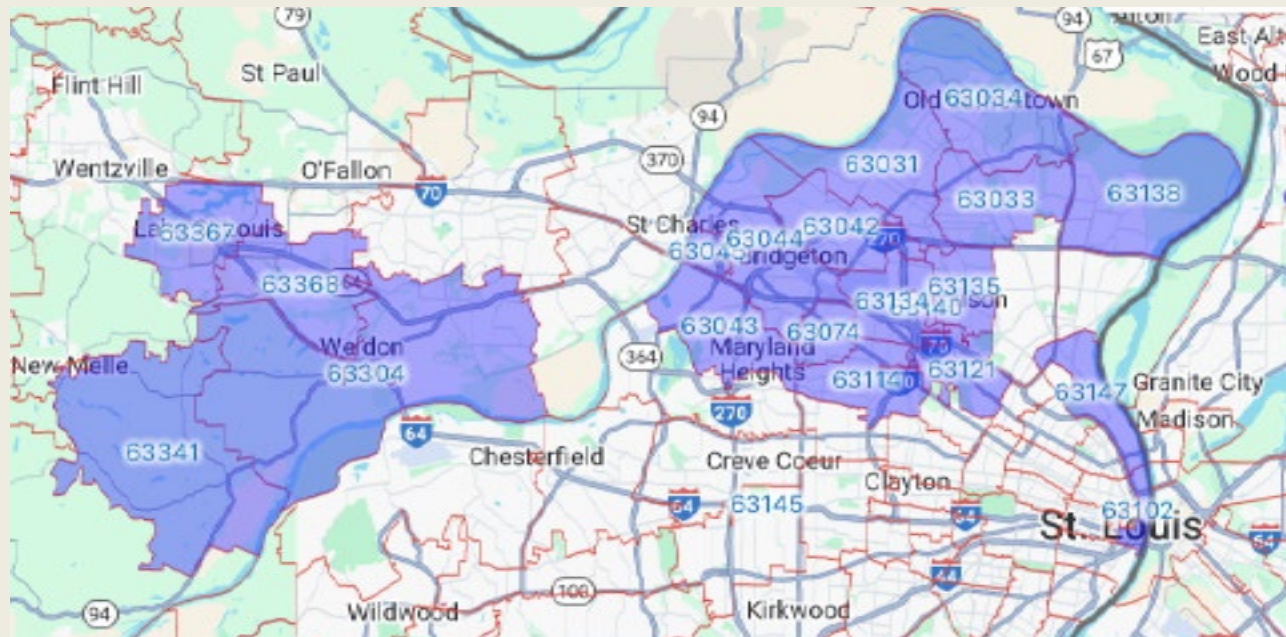
- ❑ *First instituted in 1990*
- ❑ *Expanded to Missouri in 2025*

# Who qualifies?

**You are eligible to apply if you or your loved one...**

- ❑ ...lived, attended school, or worked in an impacted zip code for 2+ years prior to diagnosis, and;
- ❑ ...contracted one of twenty-one diseases linked to radiation exposure.

**St. Charles Zip Codes**  
**63304, 63341, 63367, 63368**



## COMPENSABLE DISEASES

- ☐ Any leukemia (provided initial exposure occurred after age 20)
- ☐ Lymphoma (other than Hodgkin's disease)
- ☐ Multiple myeloma

- Primary cancers of the
- ☐ Bile ducts
  - ☐ Colon
  - ☐ Esophagus
  - ☐ Gall bladder
  - ☐ Liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated)
  - ☐ Pancreas
  - ☐ Renal [kidney]
  - ☐ Salivary gland
  - ☐ Small intestine
  - ☐ Stomach

- Primary cancers of the
- ☐ Brain
  - ☐ Bone
  - ☐ Lung
  - ☐ Pharynx
  - ☐ Urinary bladder
  - ☐ Breast (male or female)
  - ☐ Ovary
  - ☐ Thyroid

- 1) Print and complete the Manhattan Project Waste Claim form;**
- 2) Gather required documentation: proof of identity/relationship, proof of residency, and proof of diagnosis;**
- 3) Make a copy of the entire application for your records;**
- 4) Mail to the Department of Justice:**

Radiation Exposure Compensation Program  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 146  
Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, DC 20044-0146
- 5) Track your claim number: this is assigned by the Department of Justice at the beginning of processing.**

# ***How do I apply?***

# Proof of Identity

*If you are applying...*

...on behalf of yourself:

- ☐ Certified copy or original birth certificate;
- ☐ Certified copy or original marriage license(s) to document all name changes (if applicable);
- ☐ Certified copy or original divorce decree(s) for previous marriage(s) to document name change (if applicable).

...as a surviving beneficiary (spouse):

- ☐ Self-applicant documents;
- ☐ Certified copy or original death certificate of spouse;
- ☐ Certified copy or original birth certificate (yours);
- ☐ Certified copy or original marriage license(s) (yours) to document all name changes;
- ☐ Certified copy or original divorce decree(s) or death certificate(s) to document previous marriages (if applicable).

...as a surviving beneficiary (child):

- ☐ Self-applicant documents;
- ☐ Certified copy or original death certificates of parents and all other spouses;
- ☐ Certified copy or original birth certificate or adoption papers (yours + all siblings);
- ☐ Certified copy or original marriage license(s) (yours + all siblings) to document all name changes;
- ☐ Certified copy or original divorce decree(s) (yours + all siblings) to document all name changes (if applicable);
- ☐ Certified copy or original death certificate of any deceased siblings (if applicable);
- ☐ Signatures of all surviving siblings.

# Proof of residency

Keep in mind:

- ✓ School, work, OR residency;
- ✓ TWO years prior to diagnosis;
- ✓ Only ONE zip code required (multiple possible);
- ✓ Originals or copies certified by the issuing institution.

## *Examples of acceptable documentation:*

- ☐ Tax records
- ☐ School records
- ☐ Employment records
- ☐ Birth and marriage records
- ☐ Personal letters or envelopes
- ☐ Church/religious records
- ☐ Voting records
- ☐ Census records
- ☐ Personal diaries

# Proof of Diagnosis

*Keep in mind:*

- ✓ Records must be verified by record holding institution with a signed and dated letter on official letterhead, specifying type and number of medical record attached;
- ✓ Specific examples of medical records accepted for each cancer are listed at the end of the claim form;
- ✓ Death certificates must indicate the cancer diagnosis and be signed by an attending physician to serve as medical records;
- ✓ The Missouri Cancer Registry does not provide records but will speak with the Department of Justice on your behalf with your permission (see pages 10 and 14).

*Examples of records: pathology reports, autopsy reports, radiology studies or examinations, and summary medical reports (such as discharge or operative reports)*

Senator Hawley's RECA Hotline: 202-228-4388 or <https://www.hawley.senate.gov/reca>

Department of Justice RECA Hotline: 1-800-729-7327 or <https://www.justice.gov/civil/reca>

Missouri Bureau of Vital Records (DHSS): birth and death certificates

City and County Recorder of Deeds and Circuit Courts: birth, death, and marriage certificates, divorce decrees, personal property tax receipts

IRS: tax history, employment records

Social Security Administration: deceased individual's SSN

US Census Bureau: census records 1960-present

Missouri State Archives: residency records, long form death certificates (prior to 1974)

Public and private school districts: school records

Hospital and primary care physicians' offices: medical records

County libraries: printing services and residency records

# ***Useful Resources***