



## One Year Anniversary of the Expiration of RECA



*Speaker Curley and other advocates march to the Capitol in June 2024 to urge Congress to Save RECA  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – June 10th marks the one-year anniversary of the expiration of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. This pivotal legislation and the Program it created compensates American citizens poisoned by the United States government during the Manhattan Project and subsequent nuclear arms race. The Program, however, remains incredibly limited in scope, excluding many of the Navajo miners who were impacted by the federal government's actions.

The families of these miners also suffered from the contaminants brought home on their clothing and belongings. Neighbors, too, suffered from the fallout carried downwind from atmospheric testing, and even more suffered from “disposal” of nuclear waste in facilities that seeped into the surrounding communities. All Americans deserve to be compensated for the harm done to them by their own government and the thousands of dollars spent by them—out of their own pocket—to treat their cancers and respiratory diseases.

Today, we call on Congress to act on the passage of S. 243—the Radiation Exposure Compensation Reauthorization Act; and we thank our many Congressional champions for continuing to fight for this critical program, including Senators Hawley and Luján, and Congresswomen Leger Fernández and Stansbury, and many others for their continued hard work.