

## HR 1490

### Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement. (Jul 11, 2011)

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## Sponsor

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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Apr 12, 2011
Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Apr 12, 2011
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Apr 12, 2011
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Apr 12, 2011
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Apr 12, 2011
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Apr 12, 2011
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 12, 2011
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Sep 13, 2011
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jun 26, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 12, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 15, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 791	Identical bill	Apr 12, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2011 - Amends the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to extend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund until 19 years after enactment of this Act.

Prescribes additional periods of required presence in an affected area during atmospheric nuclear testing for individuals filing leukemia or specified disease claims. Increases the amount of compensation an individual filing a claim may receive to \$150,000.

Expands "affected area" to include Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and New Mexico, as well as any county in Arizona, Nevada, or Utah.

Extends to December 31, 1990, the period during which an individual employed at any time in a uranium mine or uranium mill is made eligible to receive compensation for a disease claim due to radiation exposure. Makes a core driller eligible to receive compensation upon filing of a disease claim.

Makes miners, core drillers, and ore transporters who suffer renal cancer or any other chronic renal disease, including nephritis and kidney tubal tissue injury, eligible for compensation due to exposure to radiation while on the job.

Requires the Attorney General to accept written affidavits meeting specified requirements regarding employment history, physical presence in an affected area, or participation at a nuclear testing site in determining the eligibility of claimants.

Extends until 19 years after enactment of this Act the statute of limitations for the filing of such claims.

Increases from 2% to 10% of the payment received by a claimant the maximum amount of attorneys fees that can be charged for the filing of an initial claim.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the National Institute of Environmental Health Services, to establish a program of grants to institutions of higher education to study the epidemiological impacts of uranium mining and milling among non-occupationally exposed individuals, including family members of uranium miners and millers.

Amends the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to include as a member of the Special Exposure Cohort entitled to compensation with respect to chronic beryllium disease under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program any Department of Energy (DOE) employee or contractor who contracted cancer after beginning employment between January 1, 1942, and December 31, 1990, in a uranium mine or mill located in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South Dakota, Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, or any other state the Attorney General includes.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Apr 15, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 12, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 12, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.