



**VALLE DE ORO NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE**
7851 2ND STREET SW 87105



COMMUNITY EARTH DAY

CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY EVENT

APRIL 18th
SATURDAY

EARLY BIRD ACTIVITY

10AM - 11:30AM



**Toxic Tour: Health
and Healing of
Our Neighborhood**

This tour will help you better learn about the communities surrounding the refuge and their environmental story from community members.

11:30PM - 12:30PM



Light Lunch & Open House

Partners will be tabling and you're free to explore the refuge!

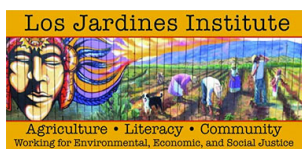
WILDLIFE TOURS

12:30PM - 2PM



**SPECIAL MOVIE
TRAILER & PANEL**

First We Bombed New Mexico is a new documentary film about the lives of the first New Mexicans downwind from the Trinity bomb. We will be joined by Tina Cordova of the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium, Loretta Anderson of Laguna Pueblo who works with uranium miners to access RECA and Gina Grimes with New Mexico Environment Department giving insight into how the state is working with RECA.



**FRIENDS OF
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NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

**APRIL
2026**



RECA

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act



The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) Electronic Claim Portal

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The following pages will allow you to submit a claim for compensation under RECA, 42 U.S.C. 2210 note, as amended by the One Big Beautiful Bill, Pub. L. 119-21. Claims under RECA must be filed by December 31, 2027.

RECA extends compensation to individuals who developed a specified compensable disease following presumed exposure to radiation from U.S. atmospheric nuclear testing, uranium extraction, and proximity to Manhattan Project waste. The amount of compensation associated with each of these contexts is set by statute, as are the compensable illnesses and minimum exposure requirements. Where an affected individual has died, RECA allows certain survivors to receive compensation on their behalf.

There are four claimant categories under RECA:

- **Downwinders** are individuals who were physically present in affected areas downwind from atmospheric nuclear testing conducted at the Trinity and Nevada Test Sites. The maximum Downwinder award is \$100,000.
- **Onsite Participants** are military personnel and civilian employees who participated onsite in a test involving the atmospheric detonation of a nuclear device. The maximum Onsite Participant award is \$100,000.
- **Uranium Workers** are individuals who worked in a uranium mine, uranium mill, in uranium core drilling, in the transport of uranium or vanadium-uranium ore, or in the remediation of a uranium mine or uranium mill between 1942 and 1990. The maximum Uranium Worker award under RECA is \$100,000.
- **Manhattan Project Waste applicants** are individuals who were physically present in affected zip codes located near current and former Manhattan Project facilities in Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alaska. In Manhattan Project Waste claims submitted at a time when the affected person is living, the award is the greater of \$50,000 or all unreimbursed out-of-pocket medical expenses resulting from the covered disease. In Manhattan Project Waste claims submitted after the affected person has died, the maximum award is \$25,000.

Note: *Each claimant category has distinct eligibility and documentation requirements. Applicants are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria carefully before beginning the submission process.*

Here is a guide to help you with the application process:

Step 1: Review Eligibility Criteria

Before creating an online account, please review the exposure and medical eligibility criteria for each category, as well as the parties authorized to receive compensation if the affected individual has died.

[Review Eligibility Criteria](#)



← [scan to see if you're eligible](#)

Step 2: Create your RECA Claims Portal online account

You will need to register by creating an online account to create or manage any online claims. You will need your email address to create your online account. Each user account requires a unique email address. If you do not have an email address, you will need to request a paper claim to complete and mail via postal service.