

Information Request | RECA / Downwinder

“Downwinders” are individuals who developed certain cancers after exposure to radiation caused by nuclear testing done by the United States Federal Government. To qualify as a “Downwinder” in Idaho, one must prove they were in the state for at least one year between January 21, 1951, and November 6, 1962.

We may be able to help with this requirement by providing certified copies of property tax and assessment documents.

Please contact the Idaho County Recorder’s Office at 208-983-2751 for copies of deeds or marriage licenses. All copies for records found in the Recorder’s Office are \$1 per page, plus \$1 for certification per document, as set by Idaho Code. Voting records are not available. You will be responsible for separate payment for those records should you request them.

For questions about the program, you can contact the Department of Justice or the University of Nevada Las Vegas. See attached contact info.

DISCLAIMER — PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

This research service is offered by the Idaho County Assessor’s Office as a courtesy to assist individuals seeking documentation for Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (“RECA”) claims. It is a voluntary service provided at the discretion of the Assessor’s Office and is separate from any right to inspect or copy public records under the Idaho Public Records Act, Idaho Code § 74-101 et seq.

The Assessor’s Office will make a reasonable effort to locate property tax records responsive to this request. Research for each request is limited to 1 hour. If the Office cannot locate responsive records within that time, the requestor will be notified, and the search will be deemed complete. The Office has no obligation to conduct further research beyond this limit.

The Assessor’s Office does not guarantee that responsive records exist, are retrievable, or are in a condition suitable for copying. Historical records may be incomplete, damaged, or unavailable through no fault of the Office.

The Assessor’s Office makes no representation that any records provided are sufficient to establish eligibility under RECA or any other federal compensation program. The requestor is solely responsible for determining whether records obtained are adequate for their intended purpose. The Idaho County Assessor’s Office is not an agent of the United States Department of Justice and does not endorse or guarantee any RECA claim.

All fees must be paid before certified copies are released. Payment of the research fee does not guarantee that records will be found.

By signing below, the requestor acknowledges that they have read and understood this disclaimer.

Printed name

Signature

Date

*A flat \$30 fee is charged for up to three years of certified property tax record copies.
Feel free to attach any notes if they will be of help locating files*

Property Owner Information

Full legal name

Spouse full legal name

AKA (Nicknames, maiden names, etc.)

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Physical location ***

From 19__ to 19__

Physical location ***

From 19__ to 19__

Physical location ***

From 19__ to 19__

**Time and staffing do not permit deep research on the counties side. Please find the modern address or addresses near where they lived.*

***If applicable, please use attached map*

Requestor Information

Name

*Phone number**

I need these specific years | 19__ to 19__

*How will you collect the documents***

In Person

Email

*Email Address**

Mail

Mailing address if applicable

**Requestor will be contacted by phone or email with results.*

***Requests are handled on Thursdays with turnaround hopefully being the next Friday but request may take up to 1-2 weeks depending on demand and staffing*

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Request received ___ / ___ / ___ by ____

\$30 Fee

Documents found: YES / NO

Paid ___ / ___ / ___

Answer Returned ___ / ___ / ___

Operator _____

Contact Information

The University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) through their Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program (RESEP) program provides free assistance with filing Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) claims.

Nevada RESEP

UNLV Health, Department of Family

Medicine

1701 W. Charleston Blvd., Ste. 590

Las Vegas, NV 89102

[702-992-6887](tel:702-992-6887)

The Department of Justice is who will ultimately receive the application.

Contact the RECA Program

Please call us toll-free at 1-800-729-7327.

Representatives are available Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time to answer questions about the application process.

You may email the RECA Program at Civil.RECA@usdoj.gov. Please include your name, RECA claim number, and a telephone number if you are emailing about a claim you have filed.

The RECA Program mailing address is:

U.S. Department of Justice
Radiation Exposure Compensation Program
P.O. Box 146
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044-0146

