

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2699
OFFERED BY MR. LUJÁN OF NEW MEXICO

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. 609. CLAIMS RELATING TO URANIUM MINING.

2 (a) EMPLOYEES OF MINES AND MILLS.—Section
3 5(a)(1)(A)(i) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation
4 Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(I)” after “(i)”;

7 (2) by striking “December 31, 1971; and” and
8 inserting “December 31, 1990; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(II) was employed as a core driller in
11 a State referred to in subclause (I) during
12 the period described in such subclause;
13 and”.

14 (b) MINERS.—Section 5(a)(1)(A)(ii)(I) of the Radi-
15 ation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426;
16 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by inserting “or renal
17 cancer, renal failure, or any other chronic renal disease,
18 including nephritis and kidney tubal tissue injury” after
19 “nonmalignant respiratory disease”.

1 (c) MILLERS, CORE DRILLERS, ORE TRANSPORTERS,
2 AND REMEDIATION WORKERS.—Section 5(a)(1)(A)(ii)(II)
3 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law
4 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “, core driller,” after “was a
6 miller”;

7 (2) by inserting “, or was involved in remedi-
8 ation efforts at such a uranium mine or uranium
9 mill,” after “ore transporter” ; and

10 (3) by inserting “(I)” after “clause (i)”; and

11 (4) by striking all that follows “nonmalignant
12 respiratory disease” and inserting “or renal cancer,
13 renal failure, or any other chronic renal disease, in-
14 cluding nephritis and kidney tubal tissue injury; or”.

15 (d) COMBINED WORK HISTORIES.—Section
16 5(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation
17 Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is further
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subclause (I);
20 and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(III)(aa) does not meet the condi-
23 tions of subclause (I) or (II);

24 “(bb) worked, during the period de-
25 scribed in clause (i)(I), in two or more of

1 the following positions: miner, miller, core
2 driller, and ore transporter;

3 “(cc) meets the requirements of para-
4 graph (4) or (5), or both; and

5 “(dd) submits written medical docu-
6 mentation that the individual developed
7 lung cancer or a nonmalignant respiratory
8 disease or renal cancer, renal failure, or
9 any other chronic renal disease, including
10 nephritis and kidney tubal tissue injury,
11 after exposure to radiation through work
12 in one or more of the positions referred to
13 in item (bb);”.

14 (e) DATES OF OPERATION OF URANIUM MINE.—Sec-
15 tion 5(a)(2)(A) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation
16 Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is
17 amended by striking “December 31, 1971” and inserting
18 “December 31, 1990”.

19 (f) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO COMBINED WORK
20 HISTORIES.—Section 5(a) of the Radiation Exposure
21 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
22 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(4) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
24 WORK HISTORIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AT LEAST
25 ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE.—An individual meets

1 the requirements of this paragraph if the individual
2 worked in one or more of the positions referred to
3 in paragraph (1)(A)(ii)(III)(bb) for a period of at
4 least one year during the period described in para-
5 graph (1)(A)(i)(I).

6 “(5) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
7 WORK HISTORIES FOR MINERS.—An individual
8 meets the requirements of this paragraph if the indi-
9 vidual, during the period described in paragraph
10 (1)(A)(i)(I), worked as a miner and was exposed to
11 such number of working level months of radiation
12 that the Attorney General determines, when com-
13 bined with the exposure of such individual to radi-
14 ation through work as a miller, core driller, or ore
15 transporter during the period described in paragraph
16 (1)(A)(i)(I), results in such individual being exposed
17 to a total level of radiation that is greater or equal
18 to the level of exposure of an individual described in
19 paragraph (4).”.

20 (g) DEFINITION OF CORE DRILLER.—Section 5(b) of
21 the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law
22 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
24 (7);

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
2 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(9) the term ‘core driller’ means any indi-
5 vidual employed to engage in the act or process of
6 obtaining cylindrical rock samples of uranium or va-
7 nadium by means of a borehole drilling machine for
8 the purpose of mining uranium or vanadium.”.

