

IONIZING RADIATION CANCER PATHWAYS

Radiation claims can follow different legal routes. Identify the right one before building evidence.

EVIDENCE PLATE

CLAIM FILE

3.309(d)	Presumptive route Requires a listed disease and participation in a defined radiation-risk activity.	3.311	Radiogenic development VA obtains dose information and follows a special development process for listed radiogenic diseases.
DIRECT	Direct service connection A veteran can still prove actual exposure, current cancer, and medical nexus outside the special routes.	ACTIVITY	Document the event Use occupation records, unit history, dosimetry, cleanup participation, and service dates.
SITE	Confirm primary cancer Radiation lists distinguish primary sites and can include specific exclusions.	DOSE	Preserve dose evidence Keep badge records, dose estimates, reconstructed exposure reports, and expert opinions.

