

military men are dumb, Stupid animals.....

## The Bush Administration knows about the health and the environmental consequences of using depleted uranium but it doesn't care. By Mick Youter

When I first heard the term "depleted uranium", I thought it must be uranium after the radioactivity was gone. I was wrong.

• "Depleted uranium (DU) is the highly toxic and radioactive byproduct of the uranium enrichment process.... Depleted uranium is roughly 60% as radioactive as naturally occurring uranium, and has a half life of 4.5 billion years. As a result of 50 years of enriching uranium for use in nuclear weapons and reactors, the U.S. has in excess of 1.1 billion pounds of DU waste material."-- Dan Fahey, "Metal of Dishonor" (1997)

• "More ordinance was rained down on Iraq during the six weeks of the Gulf War than during the whole of the Second World War. Unknown to the public or the Allied troops at the time, much of it was coated with depleted uranium (DU)"-- *Felicity Arbuthnot, New Internationalist, September 1999*

• "The Pentagon and the United Nations estimate that the U.S. and Britain used 1,100 to 2,200 tons of armor-piercing shells made of depleted uranium during attacks on Iraq in March and April [2003]--far more than the 375 tons used in the 1991 Gulf War."-- *Seattle Post Intelligencer, 8/4/03*

• "Since the U.S. military's widespread use of DU in the Gulf became known in 1991, the Pentagon has struggled to suppress mounting evidence that DU munitions are simply too toxic to use. It has cashiered or attempted to discredit its own experts, ignored their advice, impeded scientific research into DU's health effects and assembled a disinformation campaign to confuse the issue."-- *Environmental Magazine, May/June 2003*

• "When I spoke out within the military about how bad [depleted uranium] was, my life ended, my career ended. I received threats, warnings, sent to the reserve from full active duty."—

- Dr. Doug Rokke, former Army Major, who was in charge of the military's environmental clean-up following the first Gulf War, ABC News, 5/5/03
- Thirty members of Rokke's cleanup team have already died, and he has 5,000 times the acceptable level
- of radiation in his body, resulting in damage to his lungs and kidneys, brain lesions, skin pustules, chronic fatigue, continual wheezing and painful fibromyalgia.

↳ 5000 Times ?

After the Gulf War, Rokke was assigned to make a training video to teach soldiers how to handle depleted uranium. It was a never shown to the troops.

• "...General Calvin Waller told NBC's 'Dateline' that neither he nor General Norman Schwartzkopf were ever told about the health hazards of DU."-- *Military Toxics Project's Depleted Uranium Citizens' Network, 1/16/96*

• "Military men are dumb, stupid animals to be used as pawns for foreign policy." -- Henry Kissinger, quoted by Bob Woodward in "The Final Days" (1976)

