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## **Depleted Uranium**

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### **DU Death Toll Tops 11,000 James P. Tucker Jr. – American Free Press March 26, 2005**

The death toll from the highly toxic weapons component known as depleted uranium (DU) has reached 11,000 soldiers and the growing scandal may be the reason behind Anthony Principi's departure as secretary of the Veterans Affairs Department.

This view was expressed by Arthur Bernklau, executive director of Veterans for Constitutional Law in New York, writing in Preventive Psychiatry E-Newsletter.

"The real reason for Mr. Principi's departure was really never given," Bernklau said. "However, a special report published by eminent scientist Leuren Moret naming depleted uranium as the definitive cause of 'Gulf War Syndrome' has fed a growing scandal about the continued use of uranium munitions by the U.S. military."

The "malady [from DU] that thousands of our military have suffered and died from has finally been identified as the cause of this sickness, eliminating the guessing. . . . The terrible truth is now being revealed," Bernklau said.

Of the 580,400 soldiers who served in Gulf War I, 11,000 are now dead, he said. By the year 2000, there were 325,000 on permanent medical disability. More than a decade later, more than half (56 percent) who served in Gulf War I have permanent medical problems. The disability rate for veterans of the world wars of the last century was 5 percent, rising to 10 percent in Vietnam.

"The VA secretary was aware of this fact as far back as 2000," Bernklau said. "He and the Bush administration have been hiding these facts, but now, thanks to Moret's report, it is far too big to hide or to cover up."

Terry Johnson, public affairs specialist at the VA, recently reported that veterans of both Persian Gulf wars now on disability total 518,739, Bernklau said.

“The long-term effect of DU is a virtual death sentence,” Bernklau said. “Marion Fulk, a nuclear chemist, who retired from the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab, and was also involved in the Manhattan Project, interprets the new and rapid malignancies in the soldiers [from the second war as ‘spectacular’—and a matter of concern.’ ”

While this important story appeared in a Washington newspaper and the wire services, it did not receive national exposure—a compelling sign that the American public is being kept in the dark about the terrible effects of this toxic weapon. (Veterans for Constitutional Law can be reached at (516) 474 4261.)

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### **Depleted Uranium (DU): Main Cause of the Gulf War Syndrome**

“Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi has just tendered his resignation earlier this month, under great pressure. James Nicholson, former Ambassador to the Vatican, is slated to and has taken over the reins of the very troubled Department of Veterans Affairs.”

The real reason for Mr. Principi’s departure was really never given, however a special report published by eminent scientist Lauren Moret’ naming DEPLETED URANIUM as the definitive cause of the “Gulf War Syndrome”. This malady, that thousands of our military have suffered and died from, has finally been identified as the cause of this sickness, eliminating the guessing. The terrible truth is now being revealed.

American troops (and also British, and other allied troops) in “Gulf War I” (“GW1”) served for about two months in Iraq and even though only 467 American soldiers were wounded, and very few actually killed, a Gulf War I Veteran study group shows that 67% of their post-war babies were born with severe birth defects. Sadly, and significantly, it may be too late for many now fighting some 14 years later, in Gulf War II. The vast amount of DU buried in soil and sands of Iraq, has literally turned the nation into a toxic wasteland.

The following quote is real:

“Military men are just dumb stupid animals to be used as pawns in foreign policy.” Who said it? Former Secretary of State (under Nixon) HENRY KISSINGER, as quoted in “Kiss The Boys Goodbye; How The United States Betrayed Its Own POW’s In Vietnam”.

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Dated August 25, 2004. "Vietnam was a chemical war for oil, permanently contaminating large regions and countries downriver, with Agent Orange and environmentally, the most devastating war in history."

Since 1991, the United States "staged" FOUR nuclear wars, utilizing DU weaponry (which like AO meets the US government's definition of "Weapons of Mass Destruction"). Vast regions of the Middle East and in Central Asia has been permanently contaminated with radiation. It is known that (at least) 375 TONS of DU has been used in the 1991 Gulf War I. Far more has been used and is still being used in today's Gulf War II.

Out of the 580,400 soldiers (all branches) who served in GW1, of them, 11,000 are now dead! By the year 2000, there were 325,000 on PERMANENT medical disability. This astounding number of "Disabled Vets" means that a decade later, 56% of those soldiers who served, have some form of on-going (permanent) medical problems!

THE VA Secretary (Principi) was aware of this fact as far back as 2000. He, and the Bush administration have been hiding these facts, but now, thanks to Dr. Moret's report, the proverbial "stuff" has hit the fan! The report is far too big to hide or to cover up!

Terry Jamison (80F), public affairs specialist (Alt), Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs 908, Department of Veterans Affairs, at the VA Central Office, recently reported that "Gulf Era Veterans" now on medical disability, since 1991, numbers 518,739. With only 7035 reported as "wounded" in Iraq in that same 14 year period, and eight-out-of twenty (8:20) men who served in the same unit in 2003, FORTY PERCENT of these soldiers in that unit, has developed malignancies in just a 16 month period.

Since these soldiers were exposed to VACCINES and to DU only, this is strong evidence for researchers and scientists working on this issue, that DU is the definitive cause of the Gulf War Sickness. Vaccines are NOT known to cause cancer!

One of the first published researches on Gulf War Syndrome ("GWS"), who himself also served in Iraq in 1991, Dr. Andras Korenyi-Both, is in agreement with Barbara Goodno from the Department of Defense's Deployment Health Support Directorate, that "in this war, soldiers were not exposed to chemicals, pesticides, bio-agents, oil fires, or other suspect causes this time to confuse the issue."

The powerful new evidence is blowing holes in the cover-up perpetrated by the Pentagon, and three presidential administrations (Bush I, Clinton and Bush II), ever since DU was first used in 1991's Persian Gulf War, and continuing some 14 years after the introduction of DU on the battlefield. The long-term effects have revealed that DU is a virtual "death sentence".

Scientists have determined while studying the biological effects of Uranium in the 1960's, that it targets the human DNA, the building blocks of the human body!

Marion Fulk, a nuclear physical chemist, who retired from the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab, and was also involved with the Manhattan Project, interprets the new and rapid malignancies in the soldiers (from the 2003 war) as "spectacular ... and a matter of concern!"

This evidence shows that of the three effects which DU has on the biological systems: radiation, chemical, and particulate. Particulate is the effect that nano-size particles (the most dominant) has on the "master code" of the DNA, immediately after exposure.

This is the BAD news: this explains why DU causes a myriad of diseases, many of which are nearly impossible to define. Simply put, DU “trashes” the human body!

When asked if the main purpose of using it was for “destroying things and killing people”, Fulk was more specific: “I would say it is the perfect weapon for killing lots of people!”

Soldiers developing malignancies so quickly since 2003 can be expected to develop multiple cancers from independent causes. This phenomenon has been reported by doctors in hospitals treating civilians following NATO bombing with DU, in Yugoslavia in their 1998-99 war., and in the US led invasion of Iraq, using DU for the first time in 1991. Medical experts report that this phenomenon of multiple malignancies from unrelated causes has been UNKNOWN until now; it is a new syndrome associated solely with internal exposure to DU.

Not only were the soldiers exposed to DU on and off the battlefields of Iraq, but they brought it home with them! The DU which has concentrated in the semen of the soldiers has internally contaminated their wives, their girl friends, and partners. Tragically, some women in their 20’s and 30’s who were sexual partners with some of the returning exposed soldiers, developed endometriosis, forcing many to have hysterectomies far too young in their lives, due to medical problems. Studies in reverse, showing returning female soldiers transferring the effects to their home partners (of either gender) were not available.

In a group of 251 soldiers in one study group in Mississippi, all of whom had normally birthed babies prior to their participation in either of the two Gulf Wars, 67% of their post-war offspring were born with severe deformities, including but not limited to, birth defects; many were born with limbs missing, missing or damaged organs, missing eyes, or had blood related or immune system diseases. In some veteran’s families, the only “normal children“ are those conceived and born before their participation in either of the Iraqi Wars, and of course, the Department of Veteran Affairs has stated that they do not keep records of birth defects occurring in families of Veterans.

Before any new weapons system can be used, it MUST be tested. The blueprint for DU Weapons is a 1943 declassified document from the Manhattan Project!

Harvard President and physicist James B Conant, who developed poison gas in World War One, was brought into the Manhattan Project by its leader, the father of John Kerry, the former 2004 Democrat presidential candidate. Kerry’s father served at a very high level in the Manhattan Project, and was a CIA agent.

Conant was chair of the S-1 Poison Gas Committee, which recommended developing poison gas weapons from radioactive trash of the WW2 atomic bomb project. At that time, it was known that radioactive materials dispersed in bombs from the air, from land vehicles, or on the battlefields produced very fine radioactive dust which would penetrate all protective clothing, any gas mask, or filter, and of course, directly into the skin. By contaminating the lungs and blood, it could kill or cause illness very quickly.

Military research report summaries detail the testing of DU from 1974 to 1999, at military testing grounds, bombing and gunnery ranges, and at civilian labs, under contract. Today, 42 states are contaminated with DU from manufacture, testing and deployment.

Women living around these facilities have reported increases in endometriosis, birth defects in (their) babies, leukemia in children, and cancers and other diseases in adults.

Thousands of tons of DU weapons tested for decades by the Navy on four bombing and gunnery ranges in and around Fallon, Nevada, is no doubt, the cause of the fastest growing leukemia cluster in the United States. The military denies that DU is the cause. The medical profession has also been active in this cover-up, just as they were involved in the hiding of the effects from the American public, of low-level radiation from atmospheric testing and nuclear power plants.

A medical doctor in northern California reported being trained by the Pentagon with other doctors, months before the 2003 war even started, how to diagnose and treat soldiers returning from the war, for mental problems only.

The simple bottom line is, the VA and Secretary Principi had full and previous knowledge of what the real cause of the "Gulf Sickness" was four years ago! Both he, and his boss, President George W. Bush kept it a secret, while sending our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines into "harm's way", to fight a war for profit and oil!

We were all led to believe the false premise that Iraq had "weapons of mass destruction", and was "responsible" for the attack on the World trade Center on September 11, 2001. Suffice it to say, can we ever trust this administration again, to tell us the truth about anything? Will we ever learn from our mistakes?

George Bush has given himself another mandate to continue his nightmarish attacks, having been elected for a second term, because of our fear! It seems America fears Ellen DeGeneres, gays and abortions more than they fear the slaughter of the their own children and grandchildren in a senseless war.

Dr Doug Rokke, PhD (Major, US Army) wrote the US Army training manual on DU that was later banned and hidden, by the military because they didn't want the troops to know just how dangerous it was! DU has been called the "Trojan Horse" of the Iraqi Wars, a weapon that keeps on killing!

On detonation, DU armaments release a spray of radioactive dust, which can be carried in the air over long distances, and which when inhaled, goes directly into the body and stays there forever! The dust remains radioactive for 4.5 billion years! That's billion, with a capital "B"!

When the 1991 war started, Dr. Rokke, a Vietnam Veteran, was recalled from academia and sent to the Gulf as part of the Army's Depleted Uranium Assessment Team.

"The Army made me their expert!" Rokke said, "I went into the project with the total intent to ensure they could use DU in war, because I am a warrior. What I saw as director of the project led me to one conclusion: uranium munitions must be banned from the planet, for eternity, and medical care must be provided for everyone, those on the firing end and those on the receiving end!"

Many in Rokke's Gulf Team are now dead. Dr Rokke himself suffers from serious health problems including brain lesions, lung and kidney damage. When government doctors finally agreed to test him in November of 1994, three and half years after he fell ill (while serving as the director of the Pentagon's DU project), he was found to have FIVE THOUSAND TIMES the permissible levels of radiation in his body, enough to light up a small village!

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