

Safety Bulletin

Depleted Uranium (DU) OIF SB - 013



Depleted Uranium (DU) is used in numerous pieces of military equipment, from ammunition to M1 Abrams armor. When working with or around DU, safety controls for DU operations must be followed. It is important to place the potential hazard of DU in the proper perspective. Following simple guidelines can eliminate a potential hazard or injury.

- **Avoid DU residue on damaged vehicles and equipment. DU will appear as a black dust, ash, charcoal-looking chunks, or blackened fragments around damaged areas of destroyed equipment.**
- **Rolling sleeves down, wearing gloves, and a simple mask would afford sufficient protection if you have to be around it.**
- **If exposed to DU dust, a hasty self decontamination to prevent a possible uptake and the spread of DU contamination could consist of shaking or brushing until a more deliberate decontamination can be performed.**
- **Immediately seek medical aid if exposed to DU. Report DU exposure or damaged equipment that contains DU to your chain of command or your unit's NBC NCO!**



Protect yourself so you can protect others!