

Let's call out NOW

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On March 2 in Hiroshima, 6000 people gathered to form this "human message": NO WAR NO DU (depleted uranium)! The US has admitted having used more than 300 tons of DU during the Gulf War; it is likely to use more DU and new nuclear weapons as well in the war against Iraq.

Hiroshima says NO to more *Hibakusha* (radiation victims) The White House's denial of the radioactive and toxic effects of DU weapons is FALSE

International Appeals against DU:

"The United States has conducted two nuclear wars. The first against Japan in 1945, the second in Kuwait and Iraq in 1991." (Dr. Helen Caldicott)

"Depleted-uranium weapons are an unacceptable threat to life, a violation of international law and an assault on human dignity. (Ramsey Clark, former Attorney General of the U.S.)

"[T]he Veterans Administration conducted a state-wide survey of 251 Gulf War veterans families in Mississippi. Of their children conceived and born since the war, 67% have illnesses rated severe or have missing eyes, missing ears, blood infections, respiratory problems and fused fingers." (Metal of Dishonor Depleted Uranium, p. 148)

"The Defence Ministry is misleading the public by issuing incorrect information about the harmlessness of DU. That information can do nothing but lead the whole world in a terribly wrong direction." (a British veteran suffering from the Gulf War syndrome, Discounted Casualties, p. 97)

Origin, Uses, Effects of Depleted Uranium

Depleted uranium (DU) is a byproduct of the process during which fissionable uranium (uranium 235) used to manufacture nuclear bombs and reactor fuel is separated from natural uranium....

DU (uranium 238) is about 40 percent less radioactive than natural uranium, but it **remains radioactive for 4.5 billion years**. Because it is such a highly dense metal -- heavier than lead or steel -- it is prized for its abilities to both penetrate military armor and provide shielding against attack.

Upon impact, DU produces extremely fine uranium oxide dust that is both chemically toxic and radioactive. Easily spread by wind, it is inhaled and absorbed into the human body and absorbed by plants and animals, becoming part of the food chain. (from "Iraq links cancers to uranium weapons: U.S. likely to use arms again in war" by Robert Collier, San Francisco Chronicle, January 13, 2003)

Please visit the following sites for more information about this ad and DU:
www.2001peace.org/ www.transnet-jp.com/DUban/
www.savewarchildren.org/ www.idust.org/

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Peace walk in front of the A-bomb Dome



In Iraq, cancer and birth defects have soared since the Gulf War. At some hospitals, 3% of all babies are born with defects. Parents no longer ask, "Is it a boy or girl?" They ask, "Is it normal?"

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