**How to Enroll in the Depleted Uranium Program**

**What: Enrollment in the Depleted Uranium Program**

**Service Officer Notes:** VA and the Department of Defense established the Depleted Uranium Follow-up Program at the Baltimore VA Medical Center to screen and monitor Veterans for health problems associated with exposure to depleted uranium (DU).

**Web Sites:**

[**https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/depleted\_uranium/followup\_program.asp**](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/depleted_uranium/followup_program.asp)

**Who Qualifies:** VA requires active duty service in any of the conflicts listed below to qualify for the DU Follow-up Program:

Gulf War

Bosnia

Operation Enduring Freedom

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Operation New Dawn

The DU Follow-Up Program is especially geared to Veterans who were on, in or near vehicles hit with "friendly fire"; rescuers entering burning vehicles, and those near burning vehicles; salvaging damaged vehicles; or near fires involving DU munitions.

**Information:** For Veterans concerned about DU exposure during combat, VA offers a screening program that involves completing:

An exposure questionnaire

A spot urine collection test

For Veterans exposed to DU from embedded fragments or with DU-contaminated wounds, the Depleted Uranium Follow-up Program involves:

Detailed physical exams

Clinical tests of organ systems function

Recommendations for treatment, including surgical removal of embedded fragments

So far no health problems associated with DU exposure have been found in Veterans exposed to DU. Researchers and clinicians continue to monitor the health of these Veterans.

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