

DU Help for You

BECAUSE OF ITS STRENGTH, DEPLETED URANIUM -DU- IS USED TO MAKE THE ARMOR FOR SOME M1 TANKS AND AMMO ROUNDS FOR THE M1 AND BRADLEY. DU IS NOT HIGHLY TOXIC UNLESS THE METAL JACKET OR STEEL ARMOR ENCLOSING THE DU IS RUPTURED. THEN THE RADIATION CAN BE HAZARDOUS.



You can tell if your tank's armor has DU by checking its serial number. If it ends with a U, it's DU. Bradley M919 ammo rounds are DU, as are the M1/IPMI's M900, M833 and M874 ammo and the M1A1/M1A2's M829, M829A1, and M829A2 ammo rounds.

If your unit's vehicles have DU armor or use DU rounds, order TB 9-1300-278, which gives the lowdown on handling DU safely.

If you have questions about DU, call the Radioactive Waste Disposal Office at TACOM-Rock Island, DSN 793-2989 or (309) 782-2989.