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FROM: HQ USAF/SG
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SUBJECT: Air Force Medical Service Policy on Operation IRAQI FREEDOM Depleted Uranium (DU)
Medical Management (SG Policy Letter #03-003)

The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (ASD(HA)) memorandum, Policy for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM Depleted Uranium Medical Management, 30 May 03 (attachment 1), directs procedures for managing personnel potentially exposed to DU during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and Medical Units are directed to implement this policy IAW the Air Force Medical Service Depleted Uranium Medical Management Implementation Instructions (attachment 2).

MTF's and Medical Units will train all primary care providers on DU exposure and medical management of potentially exposed personnel using attachment 1 and 3 of the ASD (HA) memorandum. They will develop procedures to identify, evaluate, medically treat, and track service members with potential DU exposure IAW the AFMS DU Medical Management Implementation Instructions.

The Air Force Institute for Operational Health, Radiation Surveillance Division (AFIOH/SDRR) is responsible for the AF bioassay and metal fragment identification processes, the comprehensive surveillance, and the interpretation and archiving of laboratory results for the Air Force. They will serve as the AF lead for coordination of the laboratory procedures between the servicing MTF and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and serve as a consultative service for referring health care providers.

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Attachments:

1. ASD(HA) Memo, 30 May 03, w/atch
2. AFMS DU Medical Management Implementation Instructions

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