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Event: Speaker: Doug Rokke, the one time Pentagon point man for decontamination of depleted uranium during the Persian Gulf War, will talk about "The Health and Environmental Effects of Uranium Munitions During War."

Date: May 15 (Thursday)

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: Center for Natural Science Learning and Research,
Rm. C101, 201 Beecher St., Bloomington

Background: Doug Rokke, a former Persian Gulf War depleted uranium assessment team health physicist and former U.S. Army Department of Defense depleted uranium project director, will be speaking on his experiences in Iraq and on depleted uranium and the veterans of the Gulf War.

Rokke's visit is in conjunction with the photo exhibit "Children of the Gulf War," which will be on display May 12-23, in the Bates and Merwin Gallery on the fourth floor of The Ames Library, 1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington.

Japanese photojournalist Takashi Morizumi's exhibit, which is being shown around the world, documents the effects of the usage of depleted uranium munitions. A radioactive substance, depleted uranium is a by-product of the manufacture of nuclear weapons and fuel for nuclear power reactors.

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