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Fact: Has produced over 16 million depleted uranium shells.

Over 500 tons of depleted uranium was used in Iraq. DU was also used in Kosovo. Alliant Techsystems has produced over 15 million 30mm PGU-14 shells for the US Air Force and over one million 120mm M829



rounds for the US Army. Both of these munitions use depleted uranium penetrators and are extensively deployed.

The danger posed by DU warheads is when they burn through the armor of a tank, uranium oxide dust is produced, which is easily spread by the winds. Small particles can be permanently trapped in the lungs, where the alpha radiation dose, both cumulative and irreversible, increases over the victim's lifetime.

Fact: Manufactures rocket motors for over 9 tactical missiles.

Alliant Techsystems is proud to point out they are a leader in the development and manufacturing of propulsion systems for the DoD. These rocket motors power two of the military's most deadly: the

AGM-130, which the Pentagon regards as its most accurate air to ground missile and the highly advanced air to air AMRAAM. ATK produces all three rocket motors for the first strike submarine based Trident II nuclear missile.

Fact: Supplies CBU-87 cluster bombs

Alliant, along with Aero General, supplied the DoD with the cluster bombs used in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. This 1,000 pound bomb contains 202 individual bomblets the

size of soda pop cans. They are painted bright yellow and could appear as a toy to a child. Five to twenty percent of the bomblets don't explode as designed, lying on the ground and waiting to be disturbed. Considered to be an antipersonnel devise, the CBU-87 is illegal under International Law.

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