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## Russian to Judgment

**D**R. Vil Mirzayanov says he's been largely ignored over the years as he makes the case that American Gulf War veterans were exposed to chemical weapons, quite possibly of Russian origin.

Mirzayanov, a former Soviet scientist who fled to the United States in March 1995, is troubled by the failure of the U.S. government to seek his expertise.

"They don't want my help," he told *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*. "They are very arrogant and irresponsible."

Mirzayanov's knowledge of the Soviet chemical/biological weapons program and its possible link to Gulf War Syndrome was first discussed in the February 1995 *AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE* article, *Russia's Dirty Chemical Secret*.

"I am on the side of all American veterans," he says. "I'm sure they were exposed" to chemical weapons. He says 90 percent of the symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome can be attributed to the sort of chemical weapons developed by the former Soviet Union and its allies.

However, the former Russian researcher warns that it's difficult to develop gadgets to detect some of these chemicals.

In a laboratory, these agents can be isolated. On the battlefield, he says, it's next to impossible.