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## UMass scientist gets DOE grant to study microbes

AMHERST, Mass. U-Mass scientist Derek Lovley lands a major grant from the U-S Department of Energy.

The government is giving Lovley nearly 22 (m) million dollars to continue studying the microbes he's been working with that can conduct electricity and help clean up pollution.

Lovley has shown that the microbes -- called geobacters -- draw toxic materials like uranium out of groundwater.

They essentially serve as a filter by eating the diluted toxins, then excreting the metal in a solid form that can easily be removed.

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