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## Canada probes 1960s Agent Orange tests on military base

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### Summary:

In the 1960s, at the request of the United States military, Agents Orange and Purple—very toxic and lethal herbicides used in the Vietnam War—were tested on a wooded area in CFB Gagetown, a Canadian military base located in the province of New Brunswick.

This project was top secret until the 1980s, and only recently has the Canadian government conceded that “soldiers, civilian contractors and local residents may have been exposed to the agents and as a result may have suffered health problems.”

An investigation has now been launched to determine how many have been affected by the testing.

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By AFP

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An investigation has been opened into the effects of lethal herbicides tested on a Canadian military base

The Canadian government has opened an investigation into the use of agents Orange and Purple in the 1960s at a military base in Gagetown in eastern Canada, officials told AFP.

The tests of the highly toxic defoliants were apparently conducted at the request of the US military, which used Agent Orange to flush out communist Vietnamese soldiers during the Vietnam war.

“The government has named an official to take charge of the investigation into the events that occurred in Gagetown,” said Jae Malana, a military spokesman.

Ottawa hopes to determine if any people may have been affected by the lethal herbicides, he said.

Investigators will meet with active and retired members of the Canadian military and retired civilian employees who were present during the tests, officials said in a statement.

In 1966 and 1967, various defoliants were used to clear forests in New Brunswick. The thick vegetation in the province reminded US military experts of the dense jungles in Vietnam and thus seemed a good place to test the agents.

They were also sprayed over 0.03 percent of the military base in Gagetown as part of a top secret operation that was not exposed until the 1980s.

Last year, Ottawa admitted that its soldiers, civilian contractors and...

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"When I gave food to the poor, they called me a saint. When I asked why the poor were hungry, they called me a communist." - Dom H. Camara

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Here's another interesting case of Canada/Us cooperation: see [www.mercola.com](http://www.mercola.com)

Testing Carcinogens over Winnipeg, Manitoba

In 1953, the US Government asked the Canadian Government if it could test a chemical over the city of Winnipeg. It was a big city with 500,000 people, miles from anywhere.

The American military sprayed this carcinogenic chemical in a 1,000%-attenuated form, which they said would be so watered down that nobody would get very sick; however, if people came to clinics with a snuffle, a sore throat or ringing in their ears, the researchers would be able to determine what percentage would have developed cancer if the chemical had been used at full strength.

We located evidence that the Americans had indeed tested this carcinogenic chemical—zinc cadmium sulphide—over Winnipeg in 1953. We wrote to the Government of Canada, explaining that we had solid evidence of the spraying and asking that we be informed as to how high up in the government the request for permission to spray had gone. We did not receive a reply.

Shortly after, the Pentagon held a press conference on May 14, 1997, where they admitted what they had done. Robert Russo, writing for the Toronto Star<sup>11</sup> from Washington, DC, reported the Pentagon's admission that in 1953 it had obtained permission from the Canadian Government to fly over the city of Winnipeg and spray out this chemical—which sifted down on kids going to school, housewives hanging out their laundry and people going to work.

US Army planes and trucks released the chemical 36 times between July and August 1953. The Pentagon got its statistics, which indicated that if the chemical released had been full strength, approximately a third of the population of Winnipeg would have developed cancers over the next five years.

One professor, DR Hugh Fudenberg, MD, twice nominated for the Nobel Prize, wrote a magazine article stating that the Pentagon came clean on this because two researchers in Sudbury, Ontario—Don Scott and his son, Bill Scott—had been revealing this to the public. However, the legwork was done by other researchers!

The US Army actually conducted a series of simulated germ warfare tests over Winnipeg. The Pentagon lied about the tests to the mayor, saying that they were testing a chemical fog over the city, which would protect Winnipeg in the event of a nuclear attack.

A report commissioned by US Congress, chaired by DR Rogene Henderson, lists 32 American towns and cities used as test sites as well.

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