

Air Force buries dirty bomb material in Nev.

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With thieves stealing radioactive sources in Mexico while other potent materials sat idle on a mountain in Alaska, U.S. nuclear security experts used military cargo jets this summer to whisk away some of North America's most dangerous "dirty bomb" threats.

Thirteen highly radioactive sources were loaded on Air Force C-17 Globemaster jets in late July in southern Mexico and near the Arctic Circle and flown to Creech Air Force Base at Indian Springs, 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas, according to Air Combat Command and the National Nuclear Security Administration.

They were then hauled by trucks more than 20 miles to the Nevada National Security Site and buried in a guarded, monitored landfill.

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