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## Chemtrails: Conspiracy Fact

“The greatest, most damaging form of human activity on the planet at this moment in time must be considered these operations: climate engineering.”

If you caught Tucker Carlson’s November 10 [show](#), you heard Dane Wigington issue this warning without hyperbole.

Wigington is a solar energy contractor who founded [GeoEngineering Watch](#) after noticing a significant decline in solar energy uptake of photovoltaic cells near his home in California. Having researched the phenomenon for nearly three decades, he believes it stems from “solar obscuration” caused by large-scale weather manipulation by our government.



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Popularly known as “chemtrails” or “contrails,” these white streaks across the sky, left by aircraft, are familiar to most Americans these days. Fact-checkers are quick to dismiss chemtrails as conspiracy theory and label Wigington and his ilk as charlatans scamming people with fear and misinformation. After all, who would ever believe mankind could manipulate weather?

## Documented History

Such naysayers obviously never heard of Operation Popeye, a U.S. military weather-modification program that used cloud seeding to increase rainfall during the Vietnam War between 1967 and 1972.

U.S. President Lyndon Johnson had bragged about government’s geoengineering plans in a 1962 [address](#) at Southwest Texas State University. Speaking first of satellite telecommunication technology, he revealed that “it lays the predicate and foundation for the development of a weather satellite that will permit man to determine the world’s cloud layer and ultimately to control the weather.” The purpose of this invention he revealed in his next breath: “He who controls weather will control the world.”

Fast-forward 50 years to 2011, when then-Iranian President Mahmoud [Ahmadinejad](#) accused Western governments of stealing rain. “European countries are using special equipment to force clouds to dump” water on them, with little left for drought-plagued nations like his own. Western media scoffed, and they ridiculed and trashed the story.

They’ve treated U.S. Air Force whistleblower Kristen Meghan with equal disdain. She served as a bioenvironmental engineer for nine years and made it a personal mission to debunk “chemtrails.” What she found was that the technology was “actually coming right out of my office.” Last year she told a reporter with [kla.tv](#): “There are multiple forms of weather modification.... They’re saying it’s combating climate change. Well, the climate change we need to be worried about is man-made climate engineering, also known as geoengineering.”



## U.S. Government Confirmation

Indeed, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ([EPA](#)) website, and you'll read that the Weather Modification Reporting Act of 1972 mandates that "all persons intending to engage in weather modification activities in the United States are required to provide a report to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at least 10 days prior to undertaking the activity."

[NOAA](#), in turn, claims that "cloud seeding is the only common weather modification activity currently practiced in the United States."

The only *common* activity? So, it's not the *only* one.

It's enough of a concern that the State of Tennessee last year passed legislation that banned geoengineering activities in its airspace. "In the course of researching this legislation, we found a number of federal documents that clearly indicated that the federal government, through a number of agencies, was conducting and funding these kinds of endeavors," wrote Tennessee State Representative Monty Fritts in a November 5 [letter](#) to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.

He warned Hegseth that geoengineering chemicals, including "aluminum, barium, sulfur oxides, strontium, ammonia, nitrogen oxides, and high-density polyethylene particulates, eventually find their way into our water, soil and food supply, poisoning them and jeopardizing the overall health of our nation and strength of our fighting forces." Fritts asked Hegseth as the newly designated "Secretary of War" to "put an immediate end to any funding or experimentation ... related to weather modification, climate change or solar radiation modification (SRM)," and to terminate partnerships with other federal agencies such as NOAA that support such initiatives.

Fritts' research (and more) is available at Wigington's website, [GeoEngineeringWatch.org](#). You can also find Wigington's two-hour documentary on climate engineering here: [The Dimming](#).

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