

Aircraft dumps fuel between the Mont Blanc and Turin

Geneva, August 20, 2007. A Boeing 763 of Alitalia was obliged to abort its flight on August 18, 2007 for technical reasons, and was forced to jettison fuel to bring its weight down to the maximum prescribed for landing.

The fuel was jettisoned between 12.23 and 12.38 local time in the region between the Mont Blanc and Turin. The aircraft dumped a total of 30 tonnes of aviation kerosene during this procedure. The fuel was dumped at 27000 feet (approx. 8100 metres above sea level).

The aircraft had taken off from Milan for Chicago. After dumping the fuel, it landed safely back at Milan.

Further information:

Please see the "Fuel Dumping" dossier at:

www.skyguide.ch/en/Dossiers/Dossier_Laerm_und_Umwelt/FuelDumping/

According to various scientific investigations, including studies conducted in Germany (by TÜV Rheinland) and Canada (by the National Research Council), the kerosene involved in a fuel dump evaporates into the air and poses no threat to the environment or to people on the ground.

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