

## **Aircraft dumps fuel between Reichenbach (BE) and Zweisimmen (BE)**

**Geneva, July 21, 2008.** A MD 11 of Lufthansa was obliged to abort its flight on Sunday, July 20 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 20.18 and 20.30 local time between Reichenbach (Canton of Berne) and Zweisimmen (Canton of Berne). The aircraft dumped a total of about 30 tonnes of aviation kerosene during this procedure. The fuel was dumped at 32'000 feet (approximately 9'800 metres above sea level).

The aircraft had taken off from Frankfurt a.M. (DE) for Dakar (SN). After dumping the fuel, it returned to Frankfurt a.M. (DE) where it landed safely.

### **Further information:**

Please see the "Fuel Dumping" dossier at:

[http://www.skyguide.ch/en/Dossiers/Dossier\\_Laerm\\_und\\_Umwelt/FuelDumping/](http://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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