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## Retirees Say Agent Orange Used On Guam

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Retired U.S. government workers and military service members say that during the Vietnam War they handled Agent Orange on Guam and sprayed the cancer-causing herbicide around the island's U.S. Air Force base, the Marianas Variety reports.

The former employees and service members say they handled Agent Orange at Andersen Air Force Base in the mid-1960s when U.S. B-52 bombers were dropping the herbicide on North Vietnamese jungles. They also say Agent Orange was sprayed around the base to kill vegetation.

The workers provided testimony to urge Guam's congressional delegate, Madeleine Bordallo to offer an amendment to federal legislation to provide compensation for those who may have been affected by Agent Orange. A federal law only covers personnel who were exposed to Agent Orange in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

“The law is specific that you had to be in Vietnam during the conflict in order to qualify for the program. But here were people who handled these herbicides and were directly exposed but they were here in Guam,” said Gregorio Cruz, a retired U.S. Air Force airman.

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