

## Statement about 'Nightshade B'

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According to a recent article\*, the National Nuclear Security Administration has conducted its 31<sup>st</sup> subcritical nuclear experiment since 1997 dubbed 'Nightshade B.' The experiment is the first such nuclear test under the Biden administration.

Subcritical experiments are not considered 'nuclear tests' per major nuclear arms treaties because they remain below a 'critical mass,' or the threshold definition of a nuclear test, though they involve the bombardment and explosion of weapons-grade plutonium.

Interestingly, these experiments, which are held underground at dormant nuclear test sites, can be used to help design new nuclear weapons, and both Russia and the U.S. have indicated in recent times that that is one purpose of these tests. The public should not be fooled by the tactics of these superpowers. Subcritical nuclear tests are nuclear tests in verbal camouflage. Major nuclear arms treaties should be revised to 'see' through this verbal camo trick.

\*<https://www.exchangemonitor.com/nightshade-b-subcritical-test-fired/>

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