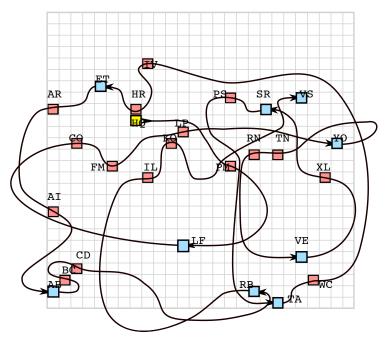
PLAN A DISTRIBUTION METHOD THREAT LEVEL: BLACK

DETAILS

It's time to distribute the vaccine across the United States of America. Your flight itinerary, plotted out below, starts at headquarters (the yellow square) and zig-zags the country left and right to visit all the stations (the blue squares). We've had unverified reports of hot-zones (the red squares) that you should confirm along the way.

SOLUTION

- The plotting area is 26 by 26, suggesting that the two axes should be labelled with the letters A-Z.
- The fact that we start at headquarters (HQ) defines how to label the axes (origin in bottom left corner).
- 3. Taking all the letter pairs of the stations (blue squares) gives the string LF YO VE SR TA ET AB RB VS.
- 4. Meanwhile, all of the hot-zones give common two-letter abbreviations. In the order they are reached, they are PM CO FM LP TN RN XL PS WC IV HR AR AI BC CD IL KO.



- 5. As hinted in the flavor text, all the stations are entered either from the left or from the right. Re-reading the station pairs from left to right depending on the direction of the flight path, the clue phrase FLYOVER STATE ABBRVS can be read.
- 6. This suggests "flying over" those squares that are US state abbreviations. Of all the hot zones, four are United States: Colorado (CO), Tennessee (TN), Arkansas (AR), and Illinois (IL).
- 7. Reading these abbreviations in order, again using the appropriate direction from the flight path, gives the final answer, CONTRAIL.