



The recent discovery of radio-active waste in an abandoned top secret US military base has attracted the attention of a UN Human Rights Rapporteur.

Baskut Tuncak, the [UN Special Rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council on hazardous substances and wastes](#) visited Greenland and Denmark in October, after a controversial referral of the cleaning up efforts on former US military bases in Greenland to the United Nations.

This concerns cleaning-up of 200,000 litres of diesel fuel, low-level radioactive waste from a nuclear reactor and other chemical and toxic waste. Camp Century was a top-secret US missile base dug into the ice cap in North-western Greenland. It closed half a century ago but a scientific report published in August 2016 has revealed the need for a hurried clean-up effort due to the melting of the surrounding glaciers.

