

**Question for written answer E-009773/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Decontamination of the Camp Century military base in Greenland

The process of global warming, which is melting the ice cap, has revealed the existence of an abandoned US military base in Greenland known as Camp Century.

The underground military base, located 204 km east of Thule air base, was built as part of an agreement concluded between Denmark and the USA in 1951 under NATO auspices.

The base, construction work on which began in 1959, featured a railway line, diesel fuel stocks and a nuclear reactor (which was removed when the site was abandoned).

The base was finally abandoned in 1967 but still contains a large amount of solid, chemical and radiological waste – including 200 000 litres of fuel and 240 000 litres of waste water – buried at depths of between 35 and 93 metres over a total area of 55 hectares.

There would be considerable costs involved in removing the waste, given the depth at which it is buried and the weather conditions in Greenland.

Has the Commission been informed of the above situation, and will it provide Greenland and Denmark with assistance in decontaminating the site?