

Yet another group of scientists and specialists from Moscow have arrived in Archangel. Maybe it will succeed in clearing up the mystery of an ecological catastrophe which continues to grow.

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Will the Novaya Zemlya Nuclear Testing
Range Reveal Secrets?

A session of the Nenets Okrug Soviet has appealed to the Supreme Soviets of the USSR and RSFSR regarding the Novaya Zemlya nuclear testing range.

The news of a possible transfer of underground nuclear testing to the arctic archipelago of Novaya Zemlya conflicts with the idea of a nuclear-free zone in Northern Europe advanced by our government. The news has evoked a wave of public protest. In view of this, at the end of May military authorities permitted a group of people's deputies from Archangel Oblast and the Nenets Autonomous Okrug to visit Novaya Zemlya for the first time since the opening of the range in 1954. "Unfortunately, they treated us like tourists who should only be told about achievements," noted one of the participants in this visit.

Despite information published in local newspapers to the effect that the radiation situation is safe for people living in the Arctic, negative attitudes toward the range have not changed. For this reason, the session of the Nenets Okrug Soviet appealed to parliamentarians of the