

**Question for written answer E-000188/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Pollution of aquatic environments by large companies

It has just emerged in Denmark that the Shell refinery in Fredericia has been polluting the Little Belt and aquatic environment with highly toxic oil residues from its port terminal for decades.

Shell has apparently known about the pollution for years but has done nothing about it. Experts estimate that no fewer than 150 000 litres have leaked out into Danish waters.

Controls on large companies, and particularly companies in the petroleum industry, are important and should be identical, no matter where in Europe these large industrial companies may be.

1. What will the Commission do to ensure consistent and strict controls on industrial companies?
2. Will the Commission take steps to ensure that the company responsible for the pollution also pays for the clean-up and the damage caused?