

**Question for written answer E-001874/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Co-incineration of waste and shredded tyres

A cement works in Tavernola Bergamasca on the Bergamo side of Lake Iseo wants to open a plant for the co-incineration of waste and shredded tyres. The local community and the municipal Council have repeatedly expressed their opposition to experimenting with RDF (refuse-derived fuel) and tyre incineration, as have the Provincial Council of Bergamo and the Regional Council of Lombardy, which have rejected the use of RDF. There are many reasons for this, though they are mainly environmental, because the cement works' incineration flues are close to a village and this industrial development is inappropriate to its location on the shores of one of the most unspoilt lakes in the foothills of the Alps.

Existing incinerators in the provinces of Bergamo and Brescia already have the capacity to meet waste disposal requirements, which means there is no need for a new plant to be opened.

Does the Commission not think that the competent authorities should use the Environmental Impact Assessment procedure to assess the environmental sustainability of the activity the cement works wishes to conduct before any experimentation goes ahead?

Does it not also think that the location of this plant would have a significant impact on the environmental sensitivity of the area?