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to the Commission**

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Subject: Discharge of petroleum products into the Varenna stream

Carmagnani S.p.A. is a petrochemicals company based in Genoa, by the Varenna stream. The plant, which is located a mere 50 metres away from a pre-school and nursery, was declared a major accident hazard site under Legislative Decree 334/99, pursuant to Directive 96/82/EC.

Following the discharge of petroleum products into the Varenna stream, Carmagnani S.p.A. issued a pollution notice on 28 August 2014 in accordance with Article 242 of Legislative Decree 152/2006, issued pursuant to Directive 2001/42/EC, in response to which the regional environment agency conducted an analysis of the stream's surface water.

Although the issue was brought to the attention of the local authorities, as is clear to the naked eye and from the strong smell given off, these products are still being discharged into the stream. The readings taken during the above analysis were higher than the limits laid down in Directive 2008/105/EC, with extremely high concentrations of BTEX and a benzene level of 1500µg/l (the limit is 50µg/l). The discharge extends right down to the sea, which is 200 metres away from the plant.

Does the Commission not agree that it should gain access to documentation on the findings of the analysis, monitoring operations and the steps to be taken to clean the area up?

Will it urge the local authorities to take the necessary measures to address the situation?