

**Question for written answer E-003107/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Location of Campo de Criptana electrical energy co-generation plant

A plant is located at Campo de Criptana (Ciudad Real, Spain) for the co-generation of electrical energy of conventional thermic origin.

There is an outcry from the residents of this municipality as regards the location of this plant, since its emissions of contaminating gases (such as carbon dioxide, arsenic, cadmium, mercury, nickel and nitrogen and sulphur dioxides) are causing an increase in respiratory and cardiovascular disease. In addition, it has been scientifically proven that the proximity of plants of this kind to centres of population leads to a significantly greater incidence among the population of cases of cancer of the lungs, larynx and gall bladder.

Considering that the said plant is located right in the town centre (more specifically, in Calle Zánacara), and considering the evident risks to the health of the inhabitants, is there any obligation to remove it from the town centre? What is the minimum distance at which it should be located?

At the same time, the plant causes a visual impact which harms the potential of the town for tourism. Is there any legal provision which requires a new location to be found?