

**Question for written answer E-004085/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Industrial waste 'Total - Tempa Rossa 1' oil field

On 23 January 2015, at Corleto Perticara (PZ), Basilicata University took samples of water close to the oil field in question. Sampling revealed the presence of many heavy metals at much higher levels than those permitted under EU regulations: aluminium (14 700 mcg/l), iron 13 700 (mcg/l), manganese 349 (mcg/l), lead (171 mcg/l) and zinc (2 800 mcg/l).

This differs from previous checks made by ARPAB Basilicata that fell within the legal limits.

In its answer to Question P-007822-2014, the Commission says that 'Further to various exchanges with the Italian authorities, no breaches of applicable EU legislation have been identified...' and that 'as a result of industrial activity in the relevant area, the Italian authorities have informed the Commission that they are taking measures including closure of contaminated areas and appropriate monitoring of areas at risk'.

In the light of the foregoing, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What is the actual degree of pollution of the area in view of Directive 2010/75?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure compliance with EU regulations and safeguard citizens' health?