Question for written answer E-008577/2015 to the Commission

Rule 130

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Subject: The Salerno iron foundry, Fonderie Pisano & C.

Fonderie Pisano & C. is an iron foundry established in the first half of the nineteenth century. A public limited company, it is engaged in iron and bronze smelting. It still operates in the conurbation of Salerno, which is densely populated.

Local residents have been complaining to the competent bodies for decades at breaches of occupational safety standards. These are due to an inadequate system of capture of smoke from production, which leads to the release of volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, aromatic solvents, particulates (PM10 e PM2.5) and sulphur dioxide.

By executive decree of the Region of Campania No 149/2012, the foundry obtained an Integrated Environmental Authorisation (IEA), but the Regional Environmental Protection Agency (ARPA) for Campania has recently traced cadmium, lead, copper, tin, zinc, heavy hydrocarbons, benzanthracene, benzopyrene and indene in sediment in the River Irno, at concentrations far above the statutory limits.

In view of Directives 2008/50/EC, 2006/11/EC and 2010/75/EU, what measures does the Commission intend to take to protect the health of the public and the workforce and ensure compliance with the environmental standards?

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