

**Question for written answer E-008641/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Possible reopening of unit III of Ptolemaida steam-electric power station

The Greek Minister of Productive Reconstruction, Environment and Energy has applied for a limited life-time derogation for the Ptolemaida III lignite unit, pursuant to Article 33 of Directive 2010/75 / EC.

Given the fact that:

- According to the decision approving the environmental terms of Ptolemaida steam-electric power station, all its units should have come off stream by 31/12/2015 at the latest;

The deadline for inclusion of a lignite plant in Article 33 of 2010/75 / EC has expired;

- If the unit continues to operate after 31/12/2015, it must comply with the emission limits of Directive 2010/75 / EC and cannot benefit from the derogation provided for in Article 35 of the Directive because of its high rated thermal input (333MW);

- Particle emissions from Unit III exceed the limit of 460 tonnes corresponding to the unit based on the National Emissions Reduction Plan (NERP) annually, within the framework of mandatory compliance with Directive 2001/80 / EC (average 2009-2013 : 1093 tonnes / year);

Will the Commission say:

- Will it accept the application submitted after the expiry of the deadline for a derogation for the Ptolemaida III lignite unit, pursuant to Article 33 of Directive 2010/75 / EC?

- If the unit continues to operate after 31/12/2015, what steps will it take to ensure that emissions from this unit will not exceed the new stricter limits laid down by Directive 2010/75 / EC?