

**Question for written answer E-010096/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The Eugenio Montale thermoelectric power plant in La Spezia

Enel's Eugenio Montale thermoelectric power plant, with capacity equal to 1.3 GW, is located on an industrial site in the municipality of La Spezia, right in the middle of the city's fabric and not far from a nursery school. The plant has been powered since the end of the 1990s by three units: two run on methane with a total capacity of 1400MW, while the third is coal-powered with capacity equal to 600MW.

The 10th 'Rapporto aree urbane' [Urban areas report] published in 2014 by ISPRA (the Italian Higher Institute for Environmental Protection and Research), reports a rise in pollutant emissions in the area. Although the Italian Environment Ministry renewed the AIA integrated environment permit for the site, between 2000 and 2012 nitrogen dioxide emissions rose from 2 674 t/year to 4 303 t/year, while sulphur dioxide emissions rose from 1 198 t/year to 2 679 t/year.

With reference to Directives 2008/50/EC and 2010/75/EU, has the Commission received data recently on emissions in the area concerned by this question, ?

What measures will the Commission take to protect the environment and the health of EU citizens if the emissions thresholds are exceeded?