Question for written answer E-010745/2015 to the Commission

Rule 130

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Subject: Delivery of unsorted waste to the San Nicola waste processing plant - Exceptions to

Italian law and violation of EU directives

By Decree No 12587/2014 the Calabrian regional authorities updated the integrated environmental permit (AIA) for the San Nicola non-hazardous waste collection and processing plant and landfill in the municipality of Celico (province of Cosenza).

Subsequently, by means of Orders 132 of 23 December 2014 and 53 of 13 May 2015 granting an exception to the relevant Italian provisions, the leader of Calabria Regional Council gave instructions for unsorted waste to be delivered to the plant, in breach of Directives 2008/98/EC and 1999/31/EC.

The plans for the plant were not subjected to an environmental impact assessment (EIA), as they should have been under Article 6 of Directive 92/43/EEC, given that the plant lies in close proximity to special protection areas forming part of the Natura 2000 network, including the areas IT9310069 Parco Nazionale della Calabria, Sila Grande, IT9310075 Monte Curcio, IT9310085 Serra Stella and IT9310077 Acqua di Faggio, and two national nature reserves (Iona Serra della Guardia and Tasso Camigliatello Silano). The failure to carry out an EIA also constitutes a violation of Article 13(c) of Directive 2008/98/EC.

The orders were issued without any involvement of the public, which is already a problem anyway owing to the lack of a waste management plan.

Can the Commission say whether the decree and the orders are in keeping with the above EU directives?

If they are not, will it be taking any action in this matter?

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