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Subject: Val d'Agri oil centre (COVA)

Inspections carried out by the Regional Environmental Protection Agency (ARPA) of Basilicata have ascertained the contamination of groundwater close to the Val d'Agri Oil Centre (COVA), belonging to ENI S.p.a, where the mixture of hydrocarbons, natural gas and groundwater from the areas surrounding the well is separated. The maximum limits for some heavy metals such as iron, manganese, sulphates, but also benzene and toluene, have been exceeded more than once during the calendar year.

The values for sulphates, for example, have reached 534 mcg/l and the presence of mercury, lead, vanadium and hexavalent chromium has also been detected. To date, moreover, there is no public groundwater monitoring network at the local Eni and Total wells.

Does the Commission not think the procedure for assessing the chemical status of groundwater as laid down in Directives 2000/60/EC and 2006/118/EC has been ignored?

How does it intend to protect groundwater quality standards and the health of local residents?