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Subject: Dumping in the Solofrana (Avellino)

The Solofrana is a tributary of the Sarno, in Campania region, and recurrent illegal dumping and an inadequate sewerage system have made it one of the most polluted rivers in Europe. Tests carried out in the last few weeks by the Campania regional environmental protection agency (Arpac) have revealed exceptionally high concentrations of heavy metals, namely: chromium (Cr): 4 713.1 ug/l, aluminium (Al): 9 197.7 ug/l, zinc (Zn): 551.3 ug/l, and phosphorus (P): 6 701 ug/l. High levels of lead (54.9 ug/l), ammonia nitrogen, and aromatic solvents have also been found to exist.

Having regard to Directives 91/271/EEC, 2000/60/EC, and 2008/105/EC, is the Commission monitoring the situation? Have the necessary measures been taken by the proper national authorities?

What steps will the Commission take to protect the environment and public health while ensuring compliance with Union law?

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