

**Question for written answer E-001118/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Safety problems at Almaraz nuclear power station

On 3 February 2016, the Spanish Nuclear Safety Council (CSN) confirmed that the motor of pump B in the water system for essential services in unit I of Almaraz nuclear power station had failed on 11 January 2016.

The report drafted by five CSN inspectors following the problem on 11 January, to which the newspaper *El País* has had access, notes the lack of 'sufficient guarantees that there is a reasonable expectation' that this cooling system, which plays a vital part in preventing accidents, can function properly owing to the shortcomings detected in the motors.

In its report of June 2015, Greenpeace concluded that the Almaraz nuclear power station had failed eight key points of the nuclear stress test according to the assessment that the environmental organisation had commissioned from the independent expert Oda Becker.

1. Does the Commission believe that Almaraz nuclear power station meets the safety criteria set by the Euratom Treaty and Council Directive 2014/87/Euratom?
2. Has the Commission received any notification regarding planned investment after the two reactors at Almaraz reach the end of their expected useful lives in 2021 and 2023?