

**Question for written answer E-002438/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Protecting local populations against coal pollution

While a promise was made at the end of the COP 21 meeting on 12 December 2015 to review by 2020 at the latest France's commitments to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the Commission Communication of 2 March 2016 appears a lot less ambitious. It considers the EU target of a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 to be quite sufficient. Five years on from Fukushima, there is still a certain reticence over nuclear power, particularly in Germany and Japan. The continued use of coal-fired power stations is not only liable to prevent greenhouse gas emission targets from being met, but is also having a worrying long-term knock-on effect on public health, as a result of cross-border pollution.

1. Is the Commission planning to conduct checks on compliance with the emissions limits and monitoring obligations applicable to coal-fired power stations laid down in Directives 2001/80/EC and 2010/75/EU?
2. Is it planning to introduce a system for helping states prolong the life of nuclear power stations in a completely safe manner?