

**Question for written answer E-002493/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Former Montedison waste dump in Bussi sul Tirino, Abruzzo, Italy

There are currently 40 national land reclamation sites in Italy.

In 2007, at the reclamation site in Bussi sul Tirreno, in the region of Abruzzo, an unprotected chlorinated pitch dump was discovered on private land next to a factory situated on the banks of the river Pescara. Tests showed that chlorinated solvents were seeping into the soil, and a number of wells from which drinking water is drawn were closed on the grounds that they were contaminated.

As already outlined in Written Question E-012560/2013, the dump continues to pose a very serious threat to the environment, since the Italian authorities have reportedly not yet taken all the measures required to decontaminate the area covered by the abandoned dump, protect the soil and safeguard the natural environment.

The only work carried out has been to cap the area around the containers and erect a barrier at the entrance to the site. According to the environmental group ARPA Abruzzo, however, this has done nothing to prevent contaminants from continuing to seep into the ground immediately below the dump.

1. Does the Commission agree that Italy has breached Directives 2000/60/EC and 2006/118/EC, the directives on waste and Directive 2003/4/EC by not making information on the current monitoring work available to the public?
2. Does the Commission intend to open infringement proceedings against Italy?