

**Question for written answer E-003882/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Iodine pills for Belgians - also for EU staff and MEPs?

In the week of 25 April 2016 there were media reports that the Belgian authorities intended to issue iodine pills, which can give protection against radiation, in the event of an attack or accident at one of the country's nuclear power plants.

Belgium's nuclear power stations are notorious for being in poor condition, with cracks, splits, leaks and metal fatigue, which has led to complaints of inadequate safety from German regions among others.

At the same time there have been attempts at sabotage which, according to media reports, have not been cleared up.

In the past, only people living up to 20 km from the nuclear power plants were issued with iodine pills, to be taken in the event of a radiation leak. This radius has now been extended to 100 km, which in practice means everyone resident in this small country.

Does the Commission know whether the issuing of iodine pills is due to new concerns about the poor condition of the power plants, or to increased concerns about the risks of terrorist attacks on the plants, as there must be some reason for the authorities' reaction?

Where and when will EU staff, MEPs, Commissioners, etc. be issued with iodine pills?

What action will the Commission be taking as a result of this change in the Belgian authorities behaviour?