

**Question for written answer E-004038/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Negligence and irregularities in management of the Seseña waste disposal site

On 28 April 2016 the Commission sent a letter of formal notice to the Spanish authorities concerning the illegal waste disposal site set on fire last week in the municipal district of Seseña.

This waste disposal site was managed in the past by a rogue Senegalese company (Gie Reboot Corporation) which had no experience in waste management and was awarded the contract without the latter being advertised or put out to tender. Since the company did not remove so much as a single tyre, the town council decided to cancel the contract and award a new one to another company. In two years this second company only cleared the site of 10 % of the tyres it had undertaken to remove within this time period. The fire occurred four days after the latest agreement reached which was for the state-owned company EMGRISA to provide a definitive solution to the problem of the waste disposal site.

There are as many as a dozen other similar waste sites around Spain; for instance in Zurita (Fuerteventura), Castellanos de Villiquera (Salamanca) and Cervera del Llano (Cuenca).

Spain's management of these waste materials has contravened Directive 1999/31/EC time and again and is a threat to the environment. In view of this:

1. What has been the Spanish authorities' response to the various warnings from the Commission about management of these waste disposal sites?
2. Is the Commission aware of the constant irregularities and instances of negligence in the management of the Seseña waste disposal site?
3. What tangible measures will be taken to prevent further incidents of this kind happening and to ensure compliance with Directive 1999/31/EC?