

Question for written answer E-008285/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Corporate accountability for the decontamination of the Flix reservoir

Written question P-007402/2016 made reference to the events surrounding the Ercros plant at the Flix reservoir. Five days later, in point 25 of its Resolution on the Need for a European reindustrialisation policy in light of the recent Caterpillar and Alstom cases (Texts Adopted, P8_TA-PROV(2016)0377), the European Parliament wrote that it 'asks the Commission, in coordination with the Member States, to study ways in which economic redeployment could be allowed while ensuring that companies fully assume their environmental responsibility, respect environmental law and implement high environmental standards; demands that companies depollute the closed sites within a reasonable time frame and facilitate ways for local authorities to recover them'. On the 26 October, the press reported that the scientific community agreed with Flix and was ordering Ercros to ensure the decontamination of their land. Can the Commission answer the following questions:

What measures will the Commission take in response to the substance of the above resolution?

Has it received the results of the scientific studies carried out? If not, will it look into the above case to assess whether the EU's environmental standards have been complied with?