Question for written answer E-008852/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Dario Tamburrano (EFDD) and Laura Agea (EFDD)

Subject: Landfill site at Fornace di Montignoso on Lago di Porta - EIA

A landfill for inert waste was opened in 1993 at Fornace di Montignoso in the province of Massa-Carrara. The landfill stands less than 300 metres away from the Lago di Porta site of Community interest (SIR-pSIC-135).

Over the years, a number of alterations have been made to the site, including at the landfill operator's own request.

Following the disposal of asbestos and dredging waste at the site, it was reclassified as a non-hazardous waste landfill in 2007.

A public inquiry conducted as part of an environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure in 2009 found there to be a number of hydrogeological, seismic and environmental risks at the site, owing to the high degree of permeability of the bedrock and the characteristics of the surrounding terrain.

The landfill currently contains a range of wastes, including soil, some of which comes from nearby contaminated sites. Periodic analyses conducted in the area have shown up excessive levels of substances including trichloromethane, asbestos, hydrocarbons and heavy metals in the surrounding land and water, as a result of which an on-site purification plant is required.

EIAs have been carried out only on the specific alterations made to the landfill site, but never on the site as a whole, which is now very different from what it was back in 1993.

Would the Commission agree that the Italian authorities should carry out a comprehensive EIA on the landfill site as a whole?

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