

**Question for written answer E-009562/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Policy regulations for waste incineration in cement kilns

In recent years, Spain has witnessed an increase in the number of conflicts regarding waste incineration in cement plants (co-incineration), with a significant number of protests and legal challenges by civil society organisations.

The causes of this situation lie in the unlawful management of waste in Spain and its low compliance with targets set by Directive 2008/98/EC. Similarly, some environmental permits given for co-incineration have been legally challenged and refused by Spanish legal courts, owing to lack of proper compliance with regulations.

1. How does the Commission plan to ensure compliance with Directive 2010/75/EU, which dictates that co-incineration should be in line with Directive 2008/98/EC and respect the waste hierarchy preventing incineration of recyclable/reusable waste?
2. Taking into account academic research on health impacts from co-incineration and increased dust emissions when waste is used, would the Commission be willing to review the target limits for air pollutants resulting from co-incineration in Directive 2010/75/EU and raise them to at least the same levels applied to incinerators?
3. Should the Commission undertake a special investigation into co-incineration and waste management in Spain to ensure compliance with Directive 2010/75/EU, Directive 2001/81/EC (NEC Directive) and Directive 2008/98/EC, and with the upcoming Circular Economy Package?