

Question for written answer E-000852/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Complaint regarding the uncontrolled discharge of waste in Flix

According to a report passed on by the local authorities in Flix to the competent authorities of the Government of Catalonia, as many as five uncontrolled hazardous waste discharge points in the area could be having a direct impact on the River Ebro. It would appear that they originate from the ERCROS factory, five from outside the site and two more from within. According to a company announcement, a complaint had been lodged with the local authorities by former employees of the factory, which will be closing its doors this year. In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission ask the competent authorities for explanations on this issue?
2. What tools does it have at its disposal to work with the competent authorities towards the decontamination and restoration of the environment affected by the aforementioned waste?
3. Would it say that the Ebro Basin hydrological plan submitted by the Spanish authorities provides for sufficient testing points and adequate measures to guarantee that water quality would meet Water Framework Directive objectives?