

**Question for written answer E-003518/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Dismantling the Castor project

A report commissioned by the Spanish Government from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has shown that the Castor gas storage facility, off the coast at Vinarós in the Autonomous Community of Valencia, represents a danger, and has recommended its closure. The MIT report concluded that it was the filling of the new facility with fuel for the first time which caused the Amposta major fault line to shift in 2013, and seismic tremors were subsequently recorded in the Bajo Aragón and Matarraña areas of the Aragón Autonomous Community. In the light of the grave risks potentially posed by this project:

1. Does the Commission intend to be involved in the process of dismantling the facility, given the project's scale and impact, both economic and in terms of safety, on the area potentially affected by it?
2. Should this dangerous and financially disastrous experiment not prompt the Commission to provide for stricter oversight so as to prevent potentially dangerous projects and practices, such as fracking, for example?