

**Question for written answer E-004115/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Waste dumps in the Atlantic trench

Next year will see the end of the 25-year moratorium on the dumping of low-level radioactive waste in the Atlantic trench. More than 115 000 tonnes of waste were dumped in the trench, and some of that waste lies 630 km off the coast of my local region, Galicia.

Despite the fact that people are very concerned about these waste dumps, the last series of checks on them was carried out back in 2005. Given that the moratorium is to end next year, and that, pursuant to the document on the basis of which the moratorium was introduced, it can only be revised in the light of scientific studies setting out the effects of the dumps, could the Commission clarify its position with regard to the need to prevent the moratorium from being lifted? And could the Commission state whether it is planning to carry out, or in any way take part in, new scientific studies on the condition of the waste in the dumps?