

**Question for written answer E-007135/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The non-renewable fraction of waste eligible for renewable energy subsidies

According to an independent report<sup>1 2</sup>, the Zabalgardi incineration plant (Bilbao, Spain) is in breach of Directive 2009/28/EC for receiving feed-in tariffs for 100 % of the electricity produced, although most of its energy comes from burning natural gas and the non-renewable fraction of residual waste. This fact is acknowledged by the Zabalgardi plant and the administration.

According to Article 2 of Directive 2009/28/EC the term 'renewable energy sources' covers, among other things, biomass, which is defined as the biodegradable fraction of industrial and municipal waste among others.

In light of the provisions of the Directive:

1. Is electricity generated from fossil sources, i.e. natural gas and the non-renewable fraction of waste, eligible for renewable energy subsidies?
2. Will the Commission investigate this matter?
3. How will the Commission ensure that the directive is implemented correctly in this particular case?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0SaLVoeY54ZTIhFNURhTFJYMkk>

<sup>2</sup> <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b2UwYnhOjSeaR5SXSwbSpuMv4QUO3wW/view?ths=true>