

**Question for written answer E-001260/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Megafarms in Zamora (Spain)

In December 2016, residents in the district of Tábara (Zamora) learned of the start of works to build two megafarms, in the villages of Faramontanos de Tábara – next to Santa Eulalia de Tábara – and Pozuelo de Tábara. The Faramontanos de Tábara megafarm, set up to raise 12 000 piglets, would be located in the floodplain of the La Burga stream, near springs and wells which feed into the village's water supply, and the Villafáfila salt marshes and salt meadows, which are an SPA in the Natura 2000 network. The slurry ponds (currently under construction) and other facilities of the farm would also be in a flood zone. If the project is allowed to continue, within two years the groundwater, wells and the stream will all be polluted. Although it has received authorisation at municipal level, no environmental permit has been granted.

- (1) Is the Commission aware that work on this megafarm has begun without the requisite environmental permit?
- (2) What measures does it intend to take to ensure compliance with Directives 85/337/EEC and 75/442/EU?
- (3) What view does it take of this project, which will affect an area protected by the Natura 2000 network?