Question for written answer E-002696/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Infringements of environmental law in an aggregate quarry in Galicia

The Miramontes environmental complex is located in a former quarry, six kilometres from the centre of Santiago de Compostela. The complex is home to Tecnosolos Galaicos S.L., a company that develops and implements waste-derived technologies. It is currently closed as a precautionary measure and two cases have been filed against the company for possible breaches of law. Inspections that were carried out in response to repeated complaints by local residents have detected irregularities in the preparation, storage and ground application of these materials, as they are polluting the soil and water, and the company does not have the integrated environmental authorisation required for managing this amount of waste. Samples of the processed materials indicate that some carcinogens are present at levels far above the reference levels for the protection of human health and ecosystems.

The Galician Xunta's investigations indicate that the above situation could constitute a serious infringement of the laws transposing Directives 2010/75/EU and 2008/98/EC. However, no steps have been taken to prevent continued pollution from the leachate-producing waste that remains piled up in the quarry.

- 1. Will the Commission carry out an investigation incorporating the Xunta's current monitoring procedure and also taking into account the fact that the company is participating in an ERDF-co-funded project?
- 2. Will it verify whether there has been a breach of Directive 2004/35/EC on environmental liability?

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