Question for written answer E-002697/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Uncontrolled discharges in Grixoa (Galicia)

The residents of Grixoa (Santiago de Compostela) have been complaining for some time of constant smells, excessive lorry traffic on unsuitable roads, and water and land pollution from leachate coming from the Miramontes Environmental Complex located less than 500 metres from homes in a mountainous area. Uncontrolled discharges pose a serious health risk as they affect streams that flow into the River Tambre, which supplies the Galician capital and has been declared a Site of Community Importance.

Truck inspections reveal that more than 30% organic matter is being deposited in the non-hazardous waste landfill run by the company Ute Eyrega, whereas the project estimate was for 5%, meaning that it is a solid urban waste landfill not complying with its permit. In addition, a large volume of unsuitable waste, including liquids, has been found to be present, owing to the poor controls on the entry of waste into the tank, in contravention of Decision 2003/33/EC on the acceptance of waste at landfills.

- (1) Is the Commission considering action to ensure compliance with Directive 2000/60/EC on water and to protect the health of people and animals that are being seriously affected?
- (2) Could it order tests to be carried out on the landfill to determine what is being deposited there?

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