

**Question for written answer E-002793/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Drinking water emergency in the Metapontino area - trihalomethane (THM) pollution

In April-May 2018, several municipalities in Basilicata (Policoro, Nova Siri, Scanzano Jonico, Bernalda-Metaponto Lido, Montescaglioso) banned the use and consumption of water for drinking and food preparation, since it had exceeded the trihalomethane (THM) parameters.

THMs are by-products of water disinfection and are suspected of causing damage to liver and kidneys and of being carcinogenic (e.g. chloroform).

It is the Member States that are responsible for monitoring risks to human health in bodies of water used for the abstraction of drinking water (Directive 2000/60/EC). Laboratories which analyse the parameters should work in accordance with internationally approved procedures and use validated methods of analysis (EU Directive 2015/1787).

Can the Commission:

- 1) clarify the discrepancy between the water analyses provided respectively by the company Acquedotto Lucano, which manages the integrated water service, and by the regional environmental protection agency (ARPA) in Basilicata;
- 2) simplify public access to clear information about the quality and supply of drinking water;
- 3) provide up-to-date data on water sanitation practices and on the concentration of THMs in drinking water in Italy and in the other Member States?