

**Question for written answer E-002365/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Helios waste disposal plant in Scafati

The Carabinieri, together with the regional environmental protection agency, recently inspected the Helios waste disposal plant in Scafati three times, establishing serious breaches of environmental law, including the presence of 1 000 tonnes more waste than authorised by the Campania regional government.

These breaches include: the presence of hundreds of bales of hazardous and non-hazardous waste wrapped in plastic – in contravention of the permits granted – and the storage of mixed waste, recycled waste, scrap metal, bulky goods, used tyres, dead batteries, plastic and rubber in unauthorised areas.

The odour abatement system in the wet storage area was found to be unfit for purpose – with unpleasant odours detected at all times both inside and outside the plant – leading to the proliferation of rats and insects and causing local residents obvious discomfort.

The local industrial estate does not seem to be sufficiently developed, and the few firms present too small, to account for the increase in production and the volume of traffic linked to the transport of materials.

The plant is located less than 1 000 metres from amenities including schools, public buildings and the local park.

- (1) Can the Commission check whether the permits for the Helios plant were granted in accordance with Article 23 of Directive 2008/98/EC?
- (2) Can the Commission check whether the rules laid down in Directive 2012/18/EU apply to the plant?