

**Question for written answer P-006885/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject:     Infringement of Community rules regarding the projected Spinetta Marengo landfill  
                  (Alessandria)

The ARAL undertaking, which is responsible for waste management in Alessandria, has been awarded a contract for the construction of a landfill for inert and assimilable waste in the 'Cascina Guarasca' area of Spinetta Marengo (Alessandria).

The projected landfill is located in the Alessandria Basin, one of the largest water tables in Piedmont, and a few hundred metres from the Molinetto 'campo pozzi' reservoir, which is around 80 hectares in size.

The ARAL has already purchased the land in question and, although it has not yet been given authorisation to go ahead with the project, it is likely to obtain it in the near future.

The initial project was rejected since it failed to comply with the provisions of Decree-Law 36/2003 concerning a minimum two-metre clearance between water table and landfill levels.

Is the Commission aware of this?

What measures could it take to halt the project following the adoption of the framework directive on Community action in the field of water policy adopting an organic approach to water management and protection, focusing on catchment areas, the objective being to ensure the protection of surface, transitional and ground water?