Question for written answer P-010637/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Davor Škrlec (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Yambol regional landfill construction project

Permission was granted for the construction of the Yambol regional landfill site in 2008 by the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Waters. Since then, citizens have filed a complaint (CHAP(2012)00102) citing numerous violations of European law, including the failure to submit an environmental impact assessment to the Commission, and submitted a petition (1353/2011) to the PETI Committee.

On 28 April 2015 the Commission and Parliament were informed about new procedural violations and the fact that the site envisaged for Cage 1 is actually a natural lake.

What action has the Commission taken in view of the new facts brought to light by petitioners on 28 April 2015?

How will it guarantee the proper application of the Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (2011/92/EU), and what concrete action will be taken as regards the natural lake brought to light?

How is it monitoring Bulgaria's compliance with the EU legal framework on waste management, including convergence towards the higher levels of its hierarchy?

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