Question for written answer P-010710/2015 to the Commission

Rule 130

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Subject: Failure to produce external emergency plans for Lombardy underground gas storage

plants

In reply to question P-005869/2015 on the absence of external emergency plans for certain underground gas storage plants in Lombardy, the Commission stated that it could not determine, on the basis of the information provided, whether the sites mentioned fall within the scope of the Seveso Directive.

According to the notification supplied and the operating instructions drawn up by the operator, Stogit, the Sergnano gas storage plant can store 1 963 500 tonnes of natural gas.

It is, of course, always possible to find out how much gas is being stored at the facilities referred to in the earlier question, but, be that as it may:

- Is the Commission aware of the sizes of the gas storage sites in the places concerned, bearing in mind not least that Italy is seeking to become a hub for gas entering Europe from the South?
- Now that it has information enabling it to ascertain whether the Seveso Directive is being infringed, does the Commission consider that the failure to produce external emergency plans amounts to a breach of EU legislation and hence demands Commission intervention?

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