

**Question for written answer P-004006/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Fire at illegal tyre dump blazing out of control

In the early morning of 13 May 2016, a fire started at a landfill site containing tens of thousands of tons of tyres in Seseña (Toledo). Given the chemicals present in the tyres, the fire, which is burning out of control, could pose a risk to public health. In 2009, a court declared that the landfill site in question was being operated illegally and called for it to be sealed off. In addition, the Commission warned the Spanish authorities that the site could constitute a breach of Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste. With that in mind:

1. What exchanges of information has the Commission had with successive Spanish governments on the subject of this landfill site, taking account of the fact that it began operating at about the same time that Directive 1999/31/EC was adopted?
2. How can the circular economy package – and in particular the file relating to landfill sites – help ensure that situations like this one cannot happen again?
3. Given its warning to the Spanish authorities, is the Commission considering launching an investigation together with the Spanish authorities to ascertain whether an environmental and public health offence has been committed, seeing that no action has been taken in the past 15 years to recycle the waste concerned?