

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1429/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Environmental threats to the River Cambrones (Segovia Province, Spain)

The River Cambrones supplies a number of villages in Segovia Province (Palazuelos de Eresma, Lastrilla, Trescasas, Sonsoto, Tabanera and San Cristóbal) as well as the Pontón reservoir. Plans for the water company 'Aguas Minerales Siete Villas S.A' to draw off and market some of the river water will involve canalising a substantial section of the watercourse through an industrial bottling plant and building a road from the river's source, 12 km long and 4 metres wide. The fact that all these works are to be completed without an environmental impact study has caused enormous concern among those living along the River Cambrones, as they fear they will lose a resource, a river ecosystem and a nature area of considerable ecological value.

What action will the Commission be taking to ensure that in this worrying instance Community law on the environment is properly applied, and specifically Directive 85/337/EEC¹, as amended by 97/11/EC², on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment?

¹ OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.

² OJ L 73, 14.3.1997, p. 5.