

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3584/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Landfills

Directive 1999/31/EC<sup>1</sup> of 26 April 1999 lays down a landfill permit procedure.

Accordingly, a permit application must contain a number of items of information, in particular on any impact assessment required under Council Directive 85/337/EEC<sup>2</sup> on the assessment of the effect of certain public and private projects on the environment.

In practice, however, the authorities repeatedly invoke a public-interest project procedure against this.

In the light, then, of the environmental concerns voiced in the various directives on water protection, many observers are troubled by the setting up of such facilities near groundwater, in particular in karst landscapes.

Could the Commission ban the setting up of landfills above groundwater?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 182, 16.7.1999, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.