

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1590/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) released by effluent treatment plants

Can the Commission indicate whether or not it is aware of the research done by Brunel University in the UK which shows that EDCs released into river water by effluent treatment plants are causing severe problems with the fish population by adversely affecting male fish reproductive organs?

If it is aware of this problem can the Commission indicate it intends to do to reduce the amount of EDCs released by effluent treatment plants into river water?