

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3272/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Montilla beach and Gola del Mareny

The dumping of sewage into the Mediterranean via the Gola del Rei or Mareny in Sueca (Valencia) is continuing despite the ruling against Spain handed down by the Court of Justice of the European Communities on 19 April 2007 in case C-219/05 for non-compliance with the Urban Water Waste Directive 91/271/EEC<sup>1</sup>.

The situation has worsened, and as no financial penalty was imposed the Spanish authorities are ignoring the ruling and sewage is still being dumped via the mouth of the Gola del Rei or the Gola del Mareny.

It is not just the dumping into the sea that is worrying but also the amount of water lost there, above all when the Valencian Community continually emphasises the lack of it.

Given that two months have already passed since the letter of notification was sent to the Spanish authorities (27 November 2008), what specific measures does the European Commission intend to take?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 135, 30.5.1991, p.40.