WRITTEN QUESTION E-3280/09 by Ioannis Kasoulides (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Provisions of Directive 2006/12/EC relating to setting up a plant for the collection and transport of solid waste

Any decision on selecting a site on which to set up a plant for the collection and transport of solid waste is governed by Directive 2006/12/EC¹ and by the Council's decisions of 5 April 2006.

How does the Commission ensure compliance with the provisions of the above Directive and, in particular, Article 4 concerning protection of the health of local residents and of the environment? How far away from residential areas must a plant be? Is the fact that an area is already suffering from the presence of electricity pylons, an oil-fired electricity generating plant, a quarry and a desalination plant also a criterion to be taken into account?

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¹ OJ L 114, 27.4.2006, p. 9.