

**Question for written answer E-001511/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Battaglina waste disposal and recovery plant in the municipality of San Floro (Catanzaro)

In Battaglina, part of the municipality of San Floro (Catanzaro), the operating company, Sirim s.r.l., has begun work on a very large waste disposal and recovery plant, the '*Isola ecologica Battaglina*', which belongs to IPPC categories 5.1 ('Installations for the disposal or recovery of hazardous waste') and 5.4 ('Landfills receiving more than 10 tonnes per day or with a total capacity exceeding 25 000 tonnes, excluding landfills of inert waste').

Given that:

- the permit issued to Sirim s.r.l. was granted under Regional Decree No 16278 of 8 September 2009, adopted by the Calabrian regional Environment Policy Department after taking cognisance of Legislative Decree No 59 of 18 February 2005 giving full effect to Directive 96/61/EC concerning integrated pollution prevention and control;
- the lawfulness of that permit has been challenged in court, as the projected construction site lies in an area subject to absolute restrictions of no fewer than five types: hydrogeological restrictions, environmental protection and scenic restrictions, restrictions on forest privileges, an absolute restriction resulting from a fire in 2007, and a restriction due to the seismic risk, the area being classified at level 1;
- Article 3(b)(i) of Directive 75/422/EEC on waste calls for 'the recovery of waste by means of recycling, re-use or reclamation or any other process with a view to extracting secondary raw materials', without causing any risk to water, air, soil, or plants and animals (Article 4);
- under Article 13(1) of the above-mentioned Directive 96/61/EC concerning integrated pollution prevention and control, in conjunction with recital 22, 'Member States ... [are required to] take the necessary measures to ensure that competent authorities periodically reconsider and, where necessary, update permit conditions'; and the directive stipulates in addition that, in certain circumstances, 'The reconsideration ... [must] be undertaken in any event':

will the Commission do its utmost to ensure that the permit issued by the Calabrian regional authorities can be reconsidered in order to dispel all reasonable doubt as to compliance with Directive 96/61/EC and with the restrictions applying to the area concerned?