

**Question for written answer E-001566/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Landfill site on the bank of the Inganno stream

On 20 July 2010, the Assessorate for Territory and Environment of the Sicilian region gave the green light for a landfill site to be set up on the bank of the Inganno stream in the municipality of Sant'Agata di Militello, close to Messina.

The site chosen for the landfill site has hydro-geological restrictions imposed on it (due to the stream's propensity to flood and its vicinity to the sea, as well as from the point of view of landslides and earthquakes), in addition to landscape constraints. It also happens to lie in close proximity to areas of archaeological and natural importance, as defined by Directive 1992/43/EEC on 'sites of Community importance', and is less than 500 metres from a residential area.

The Integrated Environmental Authorisation (IEA) has been issued without the requisite Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) provided for in Directive 85/337/EEC.

What is more, the landfill site does not appear in any waste management plan for the Sicilian region and also seems to be too large for the amount of waste it is intended to receive.

Taking the above into account, does the Commission deem it necessary to intervene in order to ensure compliance with European legislation on the environment and the protection of the health of its citizens, bearing in mind the contraventions of Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, Directive 85/337/EEC on environmental impact assessment, and Directive 2008/98/EC on the recycling of waste?