

**Question for written answer E-002329/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Waste depot in the village of Tzalapitza, Bulgaria

The waste depot in the village of Tzalapitza near Plovdiv in Bulgaria, which opened in 1991, was due to be closed in 2010. However, it is still in operation. It is situated very close to the Maritza River, an international river shared by Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. The operation of the depot beyond its capacity can cause cross-border contamination of the river.

In its answer to Written Question E-003345/2010, tabled by MEP Michail Tremopoulos in 2010, the Commission stated that it had written to the competent Bulgarian authorities to obtain the information necessary to investigate the matter and, if need be, take appropriate measures.

What were the results of this investigation?

Is the Commission aware of the date on which the Bulgarian authorities will finally close the depot and commence rehabilitation work?