

Question for written answer E-001715/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Integrated Environmental Authorization (IEA) for the AM InvestCo plant in Taranto

Unions are currently expressing great concern at inadequate safety and environmental standards at the AM InvestCo steel plant in Taranto, indicating that both plant workers and the general public are being placed at risk as a result¹.

Under Article 8 of Directive 2010/75/EC, where immediate danger to human health or the threat of an immediate significant adverse effect upon the environment exists, the operation of the installation, may be suspended pending a return to normal.

In addition, criminal immunity under Article 2(6) of Decree-Law No 1 of 5 January 2015, initially applicable to board members, has now been extended to managers under Article 1(4)(b), of Decree-Law No

98 of 9 June 2016, upheld by the European Court of Human Rights in paragraph 169 of its judgment of 24 January 2019.

By way of exception (Article 3 of the Prime Ministerial decree of 29 September 2017), the procedures provided for under Legislative Decree No 152/06 do not apply with regard to sites of national interest (SNI) in the area of the plant, which means that authorisations can be given simply on the basis of a ministerial memorandum issued in 2017.

In view of this, can the Commission say whether it considers that the following are being complied with:

1. Article 8 of Directive 2010/75/EC because of the health risks;
2. Article 7 of Directive 2004/35/EC because of the SNI;
3. The 'polluter pays' principle (Article 1 of Directive 2004/35/EC) because of immunity for the plant management?

¹ <http://www.cosmopolismedia.it/ambiente/6940-usb-taranto-fa-esposto-procura-contro-arcelormittal.html>
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