

**Question for written answer E-002829/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fires at Chernobyl and contamination of the air

Forest fires broke out at the beginning of April 2020 near the former Chernobyl nuclear plant. They are spreading air-borne radioactivity.

While the fires have been brought under control, the Commission for Independent Research and Information on Radioactivity (CRII-RAD), a French NGO, fears that the storm currently raging in Northern Ukraine will spark the fires off again <sup>1</sup>.

France's Radioprotection and Nuclear Safety Institute (IRSN) reports that contaminated air masses have been blown towards Belarus, Romania and Bulgaria <sup>2</sup>. The IRSN also states that France has not been contaminated by the fires on 5 and 6 April, but does not give any information on air masses arising from the most recent fires on 14 April.

1. Does the Commission have up-to-date figures on contamination of the air in the EU?
2. If it does, is there a threat to public health?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.actu-environnement.com/ae/news/incendie-tchernobyl-radioactivite-france-35341.php4>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.irsn.fr/FR/Actualites\\_presse/Actualites/Documents/IRSN\\_NI-Tchernobyl-Incendie-Zone-d-Exclusion-Ukraine\\_07042020.pdf](https://www.irsn.fr/FR/Actualites_presse/Actualites/Documents/IRSN_NI-Tchernobyl-Incendie-Zone-d-Exclusion-Ukraine_07042020.pdf)