

**Question for written answer E-003482/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The serious consequences of installing a Floating Storage Regasification Unit in Pagasitikos Gulf

Citizen-based organisations¹ have cited serious reasons for objecting to the positioning of a Floating Storage Regasification Unit (FSRU) in Pagasitikos Gulf. The concerns raised, show just how important it is to carry out an in-depth analysis of the environmental, social and economic impact of such projects before they get off the ground. Concerns have been raised about the following:

Proximity of the unit to residential areas: The proposal to position the unit near residential areas is raising concerns over potential accidents, leaks or explosions and the serious degradation of the local area².

Catastrophic consequences for the ecology and local economy There are concerns about the incalculable damage the project could cause to the local wetland, to fishing and to tourism-related activities, and about how the landscape could change as a result of a potential gas or coolant leak³.

Air pollution and its impact on public health: The unit will further increase the already high rate of air pollution in the area and may adversely impact people's health.

Earthquake-prone area: Pagasitikos Gulf is prone to earthquakes and has active faults, making the construction of an FSRU here all the more dangerous⁴.

In view of this:

What will the Commission do to ensure that the Greek Government respects the local community when installing high-risk industrial units, as required under the EU's Seveso-III Directive⁵?

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¹ <https://www.ertnews.gr/perifereiakoi-stathmoi/volos/αρνητικό-ψήφισμα-για-την-δημιουργία-μ/>

² M.R. Martins, M.A. Pestana, G.F.M. Souza, A.M. Schleder, Quantitative risk analysis of loading and offloading liquefied natural gas (LNG) on a floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU), *Journal of Loss Prevention in the Process Industries*, Volume 43, 2016, Pages 629-653, ISSN 0950-4230, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jlp.2016.08.00>

³ Caputo, R., Chatzipetros, A., Pavlides, S., & Sboras, S. (2012). The Greek Database of Seismogenic Sources (GreDaSS): state-of-the-art for northern Greece. *Annals of Geophysics*, 55(5).

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⁵ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2012/18>