

**Question for written answer E-000779/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Rosa D'Amato** (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Environmental impact of industrial plants on the Venafrò plain

The Pozzilli incinerator and the Sesto Campano cement works are located in near one another on the plain of Venafrò.

According to the Chair of the Molise association of doctors for the Environment (ISDE) the neuro-cardiovascular and chronic respiratory diseases suffered in the region are linked to the amount of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and fine particles (PM2.5) in the atmosphere<sup>1</sup>.

An epidemiological study released by the Municipality of Venafrò on 3 August 2022 revealed the prevalence of cardiovascular diseases that could be correlated with the high cadmium levels found by the Isernia Public Prosecutor's Office<sup>2</sup>.

Fine particle studies for June, July and December 2021 were followed by a delayed report from ISPRA on the subject.

Areas contaminated by cadmium are residential zones of which parts are used for wheat and olive farming, but no public body has intervened to protect the environment and health.

The chief prosecutor at the Isernia court has uncovered critical faults in the emission-monitoring system. The Pozzilli sewage works and the Colacem and HERAmbiente plants have also been found to be in breach of their environmental impact assessments<sup>3</sup>.

In view of this:

1. Will the Commission check compliance with Articles 8, 15, 16 and 17 of Directive 2010/75/EU and Article 6 of Directive 2004/35/EC in the Molise region?
2. Does it have up-to-date data on the cancer registry in Isernia?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.quotidianomolise.com/articolo/inquinamento-a-venafro-leo-terzano-isde-i-dati-del-cnr-non-sono-stati-condivisi>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.rainews.it/tgr/molise/video/2022/12/inquinamento-trovato-cadmio-in-una-vasta-area-della-piana-di-venafro-620e2097-b0ce-4a16-9c90-5beaf697a2fa.html>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.ansa.it/molise/notizie/2022/12/09/inquinamento-procuratore-isernia-cadmio-nella-piana-di-venafro\\_40231d3e-8f2c-4436-9bc7-f9ce36e5a5cd.html](https://www.ansa.it/molise/notizie/2022/12/09/inquinamento-procuratore-isernia-cadmio-nella-piana-di-venafro_40231d3e-8f2c-4436-9bc7-f9ce36e5a5cd.html)