

ORAL QUESTION H-0566/03
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Discharges from Sellafield

According to Action 10 on Radionuclides of the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: 'Towards a strategy to protect and conserve the marine environment,' by 2004 the Commission 'will review the relationship between the OSPAR Strategy with regard to radioactive substances and existing EC measures in particular with respect to the reduction of discharges arising from nuclear fuel reprocessing plants. Based on the results of the updated MARINA project it will determine whether any Community action should be considered'.

In light of the reported statement by Brian Watson, director of the Sellafield site, to the Guardian newspaper on 26 August 2003 that BNFL is 'switching from reprocessing to clean-up', will the Commission bring forward its review to take into account the change in priorities at Sellafield?

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