

ORAL QUESTION H-0603/03  
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2003  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
by James Fitzsimons  
to the Commission

Subject: Closure of THORP reprocessing plant at Sellafield

As the Commission is aware, plans to close the THORP thermal oxide reprocessing plant at Sellafield by 2010 emerged in late August 2003.

Has the Commission sought clarification of the plans to close the THORP plant and will it encourage a much earlier closure than 2010 and will the Commission, as a matter of urgency, ask BNFL how it intends to carry out its 'clean up' work at the site and will it seek assurances that the radioactive materials they clean up will not be discharged into the sea and surrounding environment?

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