

ORAL QUESTION H-0692/03

for Question Time at the part-session in November 2003

pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure

by Antonios Trakatellis

to the Commission

Subject: Infringement of environmental legislation in connection with a toxic waste processing plant situated in Larmna in the municipality of Opoundia in the prefecture of Fthiotida

In reply to my question (P-2724/03) concerning the infringement of Community legislation by the siting of a (thermal) toxic waste processing plant in Larmna in the prefecture Fthiotida, I was informed that the relevant documentation had been forwarded to the Commission DG responsible.

Given that such dangerous waste disposal plant falls within the scope of Directive 85/337/EEC¹ on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended by Directive 97/11/EEC², what steps will the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, take to ensure the proper implementation of the above directive in Greece and protection of the environment and public health in connection with the projected siting of a toxic waste treatment plant within a residential area? What representations has the Commission made to the Greek authorities regarding infringement of the provisions concerning projects to be made subject to environmental impact assessment under Article 4, measures to ensure that the authorities concerned and the public are given an opportunity to express their opinion and the making available to the public of requests for development consent, together with any relevant information pursuant to Article 6 of the Directive? Should Community funding be provided for projects infringing Community environmental legislation? Was Community funding provided in the past for studies concerning this project?

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¹ OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.

² OJ L 73, 14.3.1997, p.5.