

ORAL QUESTION H-0606/08
for Question Time at the part-session in September I 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Additional works necessary for the operation of the Mavrorachi landfill site

The residents of the Assiros district of the province of Lagkadas situated in the prefecture of Thessaloniki are expressing great concern and are organising active protests in response to the projected Mavrorachi landfill site, an integrated waste management centre which is in danger of becoming a common dumping ground because of failure to carry out the necessary works. The seven waste transfer (WTS) the two recycling centres and the biological purification plant have not yet been completed. Responsibility for this lies with the authorities who have for decades been simply using the Tagarades waste disposal centre in the prefecture of Thessaloniki without building any landfill sites equipped with the necessary infrastructures to protect public health and the environment. When the Tagarades waste disposal centre ceases to operate within a few days, this will greatly increase the problems facing the residents of Thessaloniki, ever more so in the Assiros district.

How safe is the Mavrorachi landfill site, given that the abovementioned works, which are necessary to protect public health and the local environment have not been carried out? What measures will the Commission take to ensure that the additional works in question are carried out?

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