

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2364/99
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to the Commission

Subject: Bohunice nuclear power station

According to reports in the Austrian media, a study commissioned by the Austrian government from the University institute for risk assessment into safety at the Bohunice power station in Slovakia reveals that Slovakia has apparently misinformed not only Austria but also the European Commission. The study also indicates that the planned upgrading measures, on the basis of which Slovakia justified its postponement of the closure date from 2006 to 2008, have not been fully implemented. Among other things, defects representing a threat to public safety have been located in the reactor core areas of both units.

1. Has the Austrian government notified the Commission of this study?
2. If so, when was the Commission informed and to what extent?
3. If not, what does the Commission's intend to do about this state of affairs, in view of the forthcoming accession negotiations with Slovakia?