

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2719/01  
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to the Commission

Subject: Possible breach of Directive 92/43/EEC

Serious tension has arisen in the Carrosio and Gavi areas in the province of Piemonte owing to plans to start mining work that would result in:

- the destruction of the springs which feed the aqueducts supplying drinking water to the whole of the municipality of Carrosio and part of that of Gavi;
- and the construction of a collection point for a replacement aqueduct in the Capanne di Marcarolo nature park.

The above work appears to have been approved at regional level in clear breach of a series of provisions laid down by the Italian government and by the regional authorities themselves.

Given that the work is likely to start in the near future and that, once started, any damage caused will be difficult if not impossible to reverse, does the Commission intend to look into the matter and approach the Piemonte regional authorities with a view to preventing the destruction which the local population and the local authorities are so worried about?

Might not Directive 92/43/EEC<sup>1</sup> have been breached in this instance?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.