

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2113/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Waste water treatment in San Cristóbal de Segovia

At present, San Cristóbal de Segovia, with a registered population of nearly 3 000 inhabitants, and a real population estimated at over 5 000, is the sole municipality on the outskirts of Segovia which does not purify its waste water, which means that untreated waste is being discharged into catchment areas which have already been purified – an operation on which Segovia itself, with a population of approximately 60 000 inhabitants, and the rest of the local authorities involved, spend a significant part of their respective budgets. This is a pollution problem which affects the whole basin of the River Eresma, and it needs to be solved as a matter of urgency.

The San Cristóbal local council has drawn up a scheme for building an outfall to connect San Cristóbal's waste water with the Segovia waste water treatment plant. The plan was submitted to the Autonomous Government of Castilla and León on 3 July 2008 but no response whatever has been forthcoming to date.

Does this lack of action represent a failure on the part of the Autonomous Government of Castilla and León to comply with Directive 91/271/EEC¹ on urban waste water treatment, which lays down that agglomerations with a population equivalent of between 2 000 and 15 000 be provided with collecting systems by 31 December 2005 at the latest?

Could this failure to act also involve non-compliance with Directive 2000/60/EC² establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy?

¹ OJ L 135, 30.5.1991, p. 40.

² OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1.