

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2725/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Irregularities at the Cröbern waste disposal site (Saxony, Leipzig district)

The German TV news magazine Frontal 21 reported in its broadcast of 10 March 2009 on irregularities in the operation of the Cröbern waste disposal site (Leipzig district). Between November 2008 and January 2009 untreated municipal waste is reported to have been taken to the site on a number of occasions. It is also suspected that dangerous waste, which is not authorised to be dumped at the site, is being dumped there.

According to other information, in 2007 and 2008 the operator of the waste disposal site, Westsächsische Entsorgungs- und Verwertungsgesellschaft mbH (W.E.V), shipped more than 100 000 tonnes of municipal waste with the waste code number 190501, which was intended for Cröbern, without authorisation to Saxony-Anhalt. Proof of disposal has still not been presented for over 25 000 tonnes of this consignment.

1. May untreated municipal waste be dumped at the Cröbern waste disposal site?
2. Does the Commission have any knowledge of the dumping of unauthorised waste at the Cröbern site from 2007 to 2009 (if so, could it please indicate what waste)?
3. Does the Commission not agree that the unauthorised shipment of waste from Saxony to Saxony-Anhalt and the failure in part to provide proof of disposal contravenes rules on the shipment of waste?
4. What does the Commission know of illegal shipments of waste from Campania to Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt?
5. What steps does the Commission intend to take against the illegal shipment of waste described?
6. Does the Commission know whether the spot checks on waste laid down by law have been carried out?