

**Question for written answer P-010567/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Opening of municipal solid waste dump in Falcognana (Rome)

On 31 May 2012, acting further to the opinion issued as part of infringement procedure 2011/4021, the Commission ordered the closure of the dump located in Malagrotta (Lazio region) on the grounds that it did not have a waste processing system consistent with the requirements laid down by EU law (Directive 1999/31/EC). The municipality of Rome, the Lazio region and the Special Commissioner for the Waste Emergency then announced the opening of a municipal solid waste dump in the ninth district of Rome, in the area bounded by the via Laurentina and the via Ardeatina, in Falcognana.

On 26 July 2013 the council of the ninth district unanimously adopted a motion instructing its chair to express the council's vehement opposition to the proposal to open a dump, on the grounds that the project was not consistent with Regulations (EEC) Nos 2081/92 and 2092/91 as regards: distance from urban centres, location in an area of seismic risk, location in an area where farming, organic farming and food production are carried on, and presence of features of historical, cultural and archaeological interest.

The presence in the immediate vicinity of numerous towns each with tens of thousands of inhabitants (Falcognana, Spregamore, Selvotta, Monte Migliore, Colle dei Pini, Santa Palomba, Santa Fumia, Palazzo Morgana, Paglian Casale), with the attendant risks to public health, of important religious sites (Santuario del Divino Amore and the Romanian Orthodox Bishopric of Italy) and of large farms and vineyards and the particularly poor nature of the roads to and in the Ardeatina/Laurentina district rule out the granting of authorisation to open a dump.

In the light of this situation, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What steps does it plan to take to guarantee the correct application of EU law and check that the relevant procedures are being followed?
2. Does it regard the siting of the dump in Falcognana as being consistent with the need to safeguard the health of local inhabitants and with the provisions of Regulations (EEC) Nos 2081/92 and 2092/91?
3. Furthermore, given that only municipal solid waste which has been processed may be disposed of in dumps, as stipulated by Directives 1999/31/EC and 2008/98/EC, does the Commission see a need to carry out an inspection to determine whether the proposed dump has a waste processing system which meets the requirements of the EU legal provisions referred to above?