

**Priority question for written answer P-003807/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Almaraz nuclear power plant

Since 2014, I have been questioning the Commission about the supervision and safety guarantees at the Almaraz nuclear power station in Spain, given the history of incidents and the extension of its licence beyond the technological life cycle.

On 27 June, according to a notification received by the Nuclear Safety Council (CSN), the second reactor at the Almaraz plant stopped automatically after one of its switches was unexpectedly turned on. The causes of the incident have yet to be determined.

Under Directive 2014/87/Euratom, Member States are required to ensure that the necessary information relating to the nuclear safety of nuclear plants is made available to the general public, focusing particularly on the local authorities, the population and interested parties who live in the vicinity of a nuclear plant.

Bearing in mind that an incident in Almaraz would risk contaminating the waters of the River Tagus which supplies Lisbon and a number of other population centres in Spain and Portugal, will the Commission say:

1. What actions will it take to establish what happened and the potential risks of another such incident or something even worse occurring?
2. Does it believe that the notification obligation set out in the relevant Directive has been respected?