

**Priority question for written answer P-000107/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Commission assessment of compliance of the Edison plant with EU legislation

The Ministry of Ecological Transition has authorised Edison spa¹ to install and operate an LNG gas storage facility inside the port of Brindisi, on the Costa Morena Est quay,² near the ecological corridor of the Punta della Contessa Natura 2000 reserve.

Authorisation was granted to Edison without any environmental impact authorisation or proper evaluation of the risks to public health and safety³.

The Province and Municipality of Brindisi have expressed their opposition, stressing the risk of serious accidents and environmental damage.

The ministry has assessed and authorised three plants – operated by Ipem, Edison and Brundisium – on the Costa Morena Est quay despite the elevated risks of accidents they present and without an EIA or any regard to their cumulative risks, including to public health⁴.

The Superior Council for Public Works has found the site to be unsuitable⁵.

The deadline for national court appeals has now passed and our request for review remains unanswered.

Does the Commission intend to open an investigation to ascertain whether the construction of the plant is in compliance with the relevant EU legislation, in particular the Habitats and Seveso Directives?

Supporter⁶

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¹ Ministerial Decree No 17487 of 22 August 2022

² A part of the polluted Brindisi site of national interest (Ministerial Decree of 10 January 2000)

³ Project classed as a 'liquefied natural gas regasification terminal' as per point 1 Annex II - part II of the aforementioned Legislative Decree 152/2006

⁴ The Edison project was authorised without considering the presence of the IPEM LPG plant and plans for a further 40 000-tonne petroleum storage facility by BRUNDISIUM spa, which applied for authorisation from the ministry at the same time, an application subsequently granted by the Ministry of the Environment on 22 March 2023.

⁵ Meeting of 13 October 2021, Procedure No 50/2021.

⁶ This question is supported by a Member other than the author: Maria Angela Danzi (NI)