

**Question for written answer E-002386/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Waste management, clean-up and redevelopment of the Crotone-Cassano-Cerchiara site of national interest (SNI)

The Crotone-Cassano-Cerchiara SNI was established in 2002 to address the severe environmental problems arising from decades of polluting industrial activities. The clean-up and redevelopment process started in 2008, but there have been significant delays.

At the inter-departmental conference of 24 October 2019, it was decided that the waste should be disposed of outside the region so as to protect public health, and this was ratified in the form of Decree No 7/2020. Starting from 2023, though, the company ENIREWIND proposed that the Columbra (Crotone) landfill site be used, despite the regulatory constraints. In March 2024, Calabria Regional Council approved a new waste management plan, which allows for new landfill sites and paves the way for disposal at a local level, thereby exacerbating an already-perilous environmental and health situation.

These machinations raise question marks over compliance with EU legislation and uniformity as regards waste management and public protection, in a context of increasing public health concern, as evidenced by the increase in pollution-related illnesses and in the incidence of cancer.

In view of the above, can the Commission state:

1. How it views this new waste policy in the light of Directive 2008/98/EC?
2. Whether it has launched, or intends to launch, a BAT monitoring procedure under Directive 2010/75/EU?
3. Whether it considers there has been any failure to comply with Community law on the protection of public health, and what action it will take?

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