

**Question for written answer E-001163/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Illegal licence for the installation of a fuel storage site in the port of Alicante

On 25 July 2019, the governing body of the Alicante Port Authority (APA) amended the licence granted to Terminales Marítimas del Sureste SL in order to allow XC Business 90 SL to use an area of the port to build and operate a fossil-fuel storage and distribution facility<sup>1</sup>. The facility of large fuel containers will be located 1 000 metres from residential areas, schools, cultural and community centres and beaches popular with tourists, as well as the marine areas of Tabarca island<sup>2</sup> and Cabo de Huertas<sup>3</sup>, which are protected by the Natura 2000 network.

These plans are a danger to the local population and could seriously damage people's quality of life, as well as posing a serious threat to the conservation of special protected habitats and marine biodiversity in protected areas. The plans are therefore an infringement of the Natura 2000 Directive 92/43/EEC<sup>4</sup>, especially given that the APA should have considered and made a statement about the environmental aspects of the plans, which it has failed to do.

In the light of this state of affairs:

Will the Commission look into this infringement of European legislation?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://alicanteplaza.es/vecinos-puerto-revocar-concesion-depositos-alicante>

<sup>2</sup> LIC/ZEPA ES0000124

<sup>3</sup> LIC/ZEPA ES5213032

<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A31992L0043&qid=1713785094042>