

**Question for written answer E-015466/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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**Subject:** Environmental problems at the Corsea landfill in Sarcedo following the management consortium's bankruptcy

In Sarcedo (Vicenza) there is a landfill for special waste, known as the 'Corsea', located on the site of a disused quarry that closed down some years ago. The consortium managing this quarry was declared bankrupt on 31 March 2014 by the Court in Vicenza. The Sarcedo municipal council does not have the resources, approximately EUR 300 000 per year, needed to manage it properly. The landfill is now in a state of neglect and there is a real danger that the aquifer lying immediately beneath it could be polluted. This aquifer is one of the biggest underground basins in the area. It contains millions of cubic metres of water and serves a number of Veneto municipalities further downstream, including the cities of Vicenza and Padua.

We cannot allow a situation where thousands of people pay for the misguided choices of a few.

The consortium is bankrupt, a recent inspection by the Veneto Regional Environmental Protection Agency (ARPAV) revealed serious risks to the environment, and on 18 June 2015 the Commission formally requested a reasoned opinion from Italy on the operation of its landfills and their compliance with EU standards. In light of these facts:

What action does the Commission plan to take to protect public health?