

Question for written answer E-015330/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Cross-border air pollution in Gibraltar caused by Spanish oil refinery

In an answer provided to me on 14 March 2011 (E-000834/11 and E-00968/11), the Commission confirmed that the Spanish CEPSA oil refinery located close to Gibraltar in the municipality of San Roque did not meet the requirements of the IPPC Directive (Directive 2008/1/EC) concerning integrated pollution prevention and control.

Following proposals made to rectify the problem by the operator of the installation in question, the Commission said that it would continue to follow the situation on the ground and would investigate with the Spanish authorities the progress made in improving the operation of the installation.

Since then, my concerned constituents in Gibraltar have not heard anything further from the Commission about the results of this investigation and the Commission has not confirmed whether or not it is now satisfied that the CEPSA oil refinery meets the requirements of EU legislation in this field.

The situation certainly does not appear to have improved given that in May 2014 the World Health Organisation reported that La Línea de la Concepción (the municipality which immediately neighbours San Roque) had the worst air pollution in Spain.

Can the Commission provide an update as regards the CEPSA oil refinery's current level of compliance with any applicable EU environmental law?