Question for written answer E-014591/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Esther de Lange (PPE)

Subject: Lead poisoning in Bourg Fidèle

In January 2010, I tabled a question to the Commission concerning reports of lead poisoning affecting employees, local residents, the environment and farmland around the car battery recycling plant in Bourg Fidèle, France (E-0112/10).

The Commission replied that in its opinion EU rules were sufficient to protect the environment and public health against the impact of car battery recycling. In addition, it stated that it would investigate the measures taken to apply the IPPC Directive and the Directive on car batteries to the installation in question and would inform Parliament of its findings.

Can the Commission indicate how it has investigated the measures and whether it found them to be adequate?

Is the Commission aware of the current situation in Bourg Fidèle as regards the lead poisoning of local residents, the environment and farmland, and how would the Commission describe the present situation?

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