

**Question for written answer E-014945/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Fuel spill and contamination of groundwater and the drinking water supply in the municipality of Casarza Ligure

On 11 July 2015, a tanker spilled a large quantity of the fuel it was carrying at the Tangoni service station near the municipality of Casarza Ligure. The fuel leaked into the groundwater and contaminated the municipal water supply. Tests carried out on 25 and 26 August found the water to contain between 1.8 and 1.9 mg/l of MTBE, prompting the local mayor to declare it unfit to drink.

The water is now being filtered and has been declared fit to drink once again, even though it is sometimes cloudy when it emerges from the tap and smells unpleasant, and the ground next to the site of the spill still smells very strongly of fuel several months after the event.

Will the Commission check whether the area has been properly cleaned up, and, if so, on what criteria will it base that assessment?

Have any EU laws been broken in the context of the possible failure to conduct clean-up operations? If so, which? Under EU law, can the Commission require the municipality to take its water from another source?