

**Question for written answer E-016123/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Water quality in northern Sardinia

In northern Sardinia, several mayors have issued orders banning the use of water for cooking because the tap water is amber-yellow in colour.

In the city of Olbia, for example, the manganese concentration and turbidity of the water is as high as 500 micrograms per litre; this state of affairs has persisted for a long time and citizens continue to pay the cost of purification bills.

With the promulgation of Decree Law 152/1999, environmental targets were set for every type of water body, one of which concerns achieving good environmental quality for water bodies by 2016.

Directive 2000/60/EC lays down that Member States must ensure the necessary protection of water bodies to prevent their quality deteriorating.

Is the Commission aware of this situation?

What initiatives can be implemented to rectify the serious situation that has been created?