

**Question for written answer E-015493/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Liability for lindane pollution

On 10-11 May 1988 trucks operated by Transportes Bombín for Bilbao Chemical S.A. dumped – with the permission of the mining permit holder Minas del Mediterráneo S.A. – some 60-80 tonnes of hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH, commonly known as lindane) near to the Gandalia mine (in Borobia, Soria).

This waste was quickly removed again, but its final destination was unknown. The trucks were washed in the Manubles river (a tributary of the Jalón, in the Ebro river basin).

The government of Castilla y León was aware of these events but, despite legal proceedings being initiated, ultimately no administrative action was taken and no penalties imposed on the companies concerned.

How does the Commission feel the companies responsible for this pollution should be made liable for its environmental consequences, by application of Directive 2000/60/EC, and in particular Articles 4 and 16 that set out the obligation to take the necessary measures to reduce pollution, emissions and losses of priority hazardous and persistent substances?