

**Question for written answer E-001858/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Information on the management and safety of the Mazzarrà Sant'Andrea landfill in Messina

In Sicily, the waste management situation of the landfill in the municipality of Mazzarrà Sant'Andrea (Messina), which ceased operations in 2014, has become critical. Recently¹, there have been some major fires in the area, causing so-called hidden fires below the landfill's surface that continue to burn².

The situation is compounded by the fact that charges have been brought by the Messina District Anti-Mafia Directorate for unlawful waste management, water poisoning, environmental pollution and environmental disaster, attesting to how devastating this has been for the environmental media (air, water, soil and subsoil) and how inadequately and dangerously the site has been managed³.

To this day, there are still major issues with how emergencies and urgent matters, such as the lack of effective waste coverage and the unsatisfactory leachate treatment system, are managed⁴. These shortcomings raise pressing concerns about compliance with Directive 1999/31/EC and Directive 2008/98/EC, which require Member States to take the necessary measures for the closure and after-care of landfills.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the recent developments at the Mazzarrà Sant'Andrea landfill? What specific action will it take to ensure compliance with EU legislation on waste management?
2. What support measures can it offer to ensure the clean-up and safety of the site, preventing further environmental damage and risks to public health?

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¹ <https://www.arpasicilia.it/download/incendio-discardica-di-mazzarra-santandrea-aggiornamento-dati-analitici-disponibili-al-4-07-2024/?wpdmdl=42720>.

² <https://www.vigilfuoco.tv/sicilia/messina/mazzarra-sant-andrea/incendio-discardica-mazzara-s-andrea-prosegue-lavoro-dei-vigili>.

³ <https://messina.gazzettadelsud.it/articoli/cronaca/2024/02/08/disastro-ambientale-a-mazzarra-22-indagati-i-nomi-758ea0af-eb9a-417b-97a3-cfb9d4a67fd8/>.

⁴ <https://www.isprambiente.gov.it/it/attivita/Crisi-Emergenze-ambientali-e-Danno/discardica-di-mazzarra-santandrea.jp2/view>.