

**Question for written answer E-002270/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Information about the project to take waste collected in Terrasini and Cinisi to the Carini plant

In a letter of formal notice to the Single Commissioner for Purification, a number of environmental associations raise significant concerns about the project to take waste collected in the municipalities of Terrasini and Cinisi to Carini's community plant¹. The associations call for the ongoing procedures to be suspended and the measures already provided for in the Water Protection Plan for the agglomerations of Carini and the Gulf of Castellammare to be implemented, in accordance with the recent European Court of Justice judgments and with respect for the river basin catchment areas.

The specialist technical committee's final preparatory opinion NP. 19/2024 of 31 January 2024² also emphasises the need to assess the environmental impact in an appropriate manner, in compliance with EU regulations on water management and the reuse of treated water. It is also worth pointing out that no alternatives to the proposed project have been put forward.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the issues raised by the associations in their letter of formal notice and what does it make of their requests?
2. Does the waste collection project comply with Directive 91/271/EEC and Regulation (EU) 2020/741, in particular with regard to the reuse of treated water and the protection of river basins?
3. Will the Commission check whether the solutions proposed in lieu of those provided for in the Water Protection Plan and Hydrogeological Structure Plan comply with the judgments of the European Court of Justice of 19 July 2012, 10 April 2014 and 6 October 2021?

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¹ Single regional approval procedure: https://si-vvi.regione.sicilia.it/viavas/index.php?option=com_fabrik&task=plugin.pluginAjax&plugin=fileupload&method=ajax_download&format=raw&element_id=2939&formid=50&rowid=3867&repeatcount=0&ajaxIndex=0.

² https://si-vvi.regione.sicilia.it/viavas/index.php?option=com_fabrik&task=plugin.pluginAjax&plugin=fileupload&method=ajax_download&format=raw&element_id=2958&formid=52&rowid=3247&repeatcount=0&ajaxIndex=0.