

**Question for written answer E-002585/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Huge risks from the ‘death cauldrons’ in Drapetsona, Keratsini and Perama

High concentrations of heavy metals are being observed in patients from Drapetsona, Keratsini and Perama - a significant factor in the development of cancer, mainly of the lung. Measurements by the ‘Demokritos’ National Centre for Scientific Research confirm that the air is contaminated with volatile sulphur compounds from the processing and combustion of petroleum products and, on certain days, recorded benzene levels also exceed the mean limit value for the protection of human health. The risk of a large-scale industrial accident is ever-present, especially given that there are no mass escape routes for residents and the four petroleum facilities in Perama and ‘Oil One’ in Drapetsona are located in residential areas.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission’s position on the urgent need to implement the demands of unions and organised bodies for the immediate relocation of over 100 oil and other toxic substance tanks located within the urban fabric of Perama, the installation of ‘Oil One’ in Drapetsona and the return of all areas to the people, for use based on the modern needs of the people?
2. What is the Commission’s position on the fact that the continued operation of the ‘Oil One’ facilities in Drapetsona and the suggested change of use of the already dangerous ‘ETEKA’ tank in Perama, under the responsibility of the EU and governments, exposes the people of the region to incalculable risks?
3. What is the Commission’s position on the fact that there is no comprehensive plan for the prevention of and response to large-scale accidents rooted in the protection of workers, residents and the environment?

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