

**Question for written answer E-002885/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Dumping of radioactive waste in the Atlantic trench near Galicia (Spain)

For decades, the European nuclear industry disposed of radioactive waste by enclosing it in barrels that were then dumped in the Atlantic trench, 600 km off the coast of Galicia. According to Greenpeace, 220 000 barrels containing 142 000 tonnes of nuclear waste were dumped. Recent reports confirm that French National Centre for Scientific Research boat *L'Atalante* has located 3 000 barrels, a mere fraction of the total amount.

We believe that the Commission should investigate radioactive contamination in the Atlantic trench and should do so in accordance with EU legislation, specifically Directive 2011/70/Euratom on managing radioactive waste. The directive establishes a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste

Considering the above:

1. Is the Commission monitoring the effects of this dumping on the marine environment?
2. What measures will the Commission take to prevent radioactive contamination?

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