

Question for written answer E-003202/2025

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Risks to health and violation of fundamental rights due to environmental damage in the Limia river basin

On 11 July 2025, the High Court of Justice of Galicia ruled that the pollution of the River Limia had entailed the violation of the claimants' fundamental rights. The statement of facts proved sets out the serious pollution and its causal link to the deterioration of the environmental conditions for the local residents, which poses health risks and violates their fundamental rights.

Bearing in mind that the pollution in question is directly linked to issues of compliance with the Nitrates Directive:

1. Is the Commission aware of the above judgment and, if so, does it intend to update, in light of this judgment, the monitoring of compliance with the Nitrates Directive and the status of the waters in the A Limia region?
2. Given that the main cause of the pollution stems from the cumulative impact of intensive livestock farming (large-scale farms) and that those farms must go through a process that includes an environmental impact statement, is the Commission considering reviewing compliance with Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment by the competent authority (the Regional Government of Galicia)?

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