

**Question for written answer E-001879/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Mining activity in a residential area in Achlada, Florina, and implementation of the EU environmental *acquis*

In Achlada, Florina, lignite mining activities are continuing in an active residential area – in the immediate vicinity of homes and a school – without residents having been relocated as required. These conditions give rise to serious concerns regarding the exposure of residents – particularly minors – to particulate matter, noise, vibrations and other nuisances, and calls into question the adequacy of environmental licensing practices, the protection of human health and the management of extractive waste.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it consider that the continuation of this kind of mining activity in the immediate vicinity of a residential area and school calls for a specific check on compliance with Directive 2011/92/EU on environmental impact assessments, EU air quality legislation and Directive 2006/21/EC on extractive waste?
2. Has it requested or does it intend to request from the Greek authorities the relevant data on air quality, noise, vibrations, school protection measures and conditions for the safe continuation of the activity?
3. If shortcomings are identified in the implementation of EU environmental law, does the Commission intend to consider initiating a procedure under Article 258 TFEU?

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