

**Question for written answer E-002840/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Condition of the barrels of radioactive waste in the Atlantic trench and their impact on the Galician coast

The area off the Galician coast known as the Atlantic trench was the dumping ground for 220 000 drums of nuclear waste. The Commission has admitted in answers to previous questions¹ that it is not in possession of any up-to-date studies and that it did not carry out the relevant monitoring included in the verification mission programme for 2030. The Commission has clearly failed to act with regard to this serious issue.

In its investigations, France's NODSSUM expedition, led by the French National Centre for Scientific Research, found 3 550 radioactive barrels off the Atlantic coast and discovered that they had cracks, showed signs of advanced deterioration and were leaking, with the area having higher-than-expected levels of radionuclides.

In view of the above:

Having received this scientific evidence regarding the condition of the barrels of radioactive waste, will the Commission finally carry out a rigorous investigation into the impact their condition is having?

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¹ E-002599/2025 (https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002599-ASW_EN.html), E-000725/2019 (https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2019-000725-ASW_EN.html), E-002829/2019 (https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2019-002829-ASW_EN.html).