

**Question for written answer E-002879/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Explosion in Aspropyrgos injures 11 people – another warning sign of a large-scale industrial accident

Eleven people in the hospital, some with very severe burns – this is the result of an explosion and fire that took place at a scrap metal plant in Aspropyrgos, Attica. Thousands of local residents live with the risk of inhaling dangerous substances, as they share their neighbourhood with refineries, LPG plants and other such sites.

This incident is the latest in a long series of fires at industrial facilities – an issue that residents and organisations have repeatedly raised – yet no protection measures have been put in place, as they are regarded as a cost by business groups.

The EU and the Nea Demokratia Government, like its predecessors, have left ordinary people in the region unprotected, refusing to implement basic protective measures and to draw up a comprehensive plan to prevent and respond to a potential large-scale industrial accident.

With this in mind, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What view does it take of the fact that, although the risks of a large-scale industrial accident in Western Attica have been repeatedly highlighted and that accidents continue to occur, no response plan has been drawn up, even though the Thriasio Plain area is home to many industrial facilities that fall under the provisions of the Seveso Directive?
2. What view does it take of the fact that, under the Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EU), the risk posed by substances and the assessment of the consequences of accidents on people and the environment are based primarily on self-assessments by the business groups involved, that is to say, by those responsible for the accidents?

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