

**Question for written answer E-004106/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Ongoing pollution of the Kifissos river and implementation of European water legislation

On 22 September 2026, the Greek authorities discovered a tanker illegally discharging hazardous industrial waste into a storm drain in Egaleo, channelling the waste into the Kifissos river and subsequently into the sea¹. Following an investigation, it was found that this practice had been repeated at least four times over a period of 20 days². At the same time, recent samples taken by the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research have shown a deterioration in the water quality of the Kifissos river over the last five years, with pollution stemming from industrial and livestock waste and urban waste water³.

Directive 2000/60/EC obliges Member States to prevent any further deterioration of surface water and groundwater and to take the necessary measures to protect and restore them⁴. What is more, the second revision of the Attica River Basin Management Plan provides for specific measures to protect and strengthen surveillance of the Kifissos river⁵.

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

1. Has the Commission been informed of these recent incidents and does it consider that such systematic pollution is compatible with Greece's obligations under Directive 2000/60/EC?
2. Does it intend to request information regarding checks, infringements, penalties and the implementation of the measures set out for the protection of the Kifissos river?
3. If shortcomings in their implementation are identified, what measures does it intend to take to ensure compliance?

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¹ <https://www.ertnews.gr/eidiseis/vytioforo-erixne-se-freatio-tou-kifisou-viomixanika-apovlita-pou-katelian-sti-thalassa-treis-syllipseis/>.

² <https://www.ertnews.gr/eidiseis/ellada/rypansi-ston-kifiso-toulaxiston-tesseris-fores-aporriphikan-epikindyna-apovlita-mesa-se-20-imeres-ti-ereynoun-oi-arxes/>.

³ <https://www.kathimerini.gr/society/564474094/lymata-ston-kifiso-ti-apokalyptoyn-oi-metriseis-toy-elkethe/>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02000L0060-20260510>.

⁵ https://wfdver.ypeka.gr/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/EL06_2REV_sdlap.pdf.