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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is following the situation in the As Conchas reservoir, fed by the River Limia, and is in close contact with the Spanish authorities regarding the implementation of the Nitrates Directive¹. According to the third River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) reported by the Spanish authorities within the Water Framework Directive² (WFD), the As Conchas reservoir (ES010MSPFES511MAR002400) is in 'worse than good' general status, having moderate ecological potential and good chemical status. The RBMP refers to urban discharges and overflows of sanitation systems following heavy rain and agriculture as significant pressures. In addition, the data reported under the Nitrates Directive shows eutrophication in that reservoir.

The Commission services have recently consulted the Spanish authorities on the actions envisaged for the As Conchas reservoir in the context of the implementation of the Directive and have asked for actions to tackle the situation in line with the legal requirements. The Commission is aware that the competent authorities are examining the designation for this reservoir and has requested to be informed on the progress of the designation procedure.

The Commission is supporting Member States, including Spain, in their efforts to appropriately implement the Nitrates Directive and will take all the necessary actions within its powers to ensure that all the legal obligations under the directive are being complied with in the EU territory.

¹ Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources. OJ L 375, 31.12.1991, p. 1–8.

² Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1–73.