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As explained in its reply to written question E-001822/2025, the Commission is following the situation in the As Conchas reservoir, fed by the River Limia. The Miño-Sil third River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) reported by the Spanish authorities within the Water Framework Directive (WFD)¹ reports that this reservoir² is in ‘worse than good’ general status, having moderate ecological potential and good chemical status. The data reported under the Nitrates Directive³ shows eutrophication in that reservoir.

In its ruling of 11 July 2025, the High Court of Galicia condemned Xunta de Galicia and Miño-Sil basin authority to immediately take all necessary measures to ensure the supply of clean and safe drinking water to allow the full enjoyment of the human right to water.

In order to receive confirmation that the drinking water supply in the area concerned does not pose a potential health risk to consumers and that access to safe drinking water is not affected, the Commission will take the necessary steps to obtain additional information to ensure compliance with the provisions of the recast Drinking Water Directive⁴.

The Commission services have recently consulted the Spanish authorities on the actions envisaged for the As Conchas reservoir and have asked for actions to tackle the situation. The Nitrates Directive requires Member States to designate areas draining into polluted waters as vulnerable zones and to notify the Commission.

The Commission will continue 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 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, as amended by Commission Directive 2014/101/EU of 30 October 2014, OJ L 311, 31.10.2014, p. 32–35.

² ES010MSPFES511MAR002400.

³ 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.

⁴ Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast), OJ L 435, 23.12.2020, p. 1–62.