



European Commission

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Member State:	UK
Commission service:	ENVI
Issue area:	Environment/AIR
File nature:	Complaint / Citizen

Responsible Filehandler Member State:

File history

- **28/10/2011:** File submitted to Member State in EU PILOT database - Environment

File status (31/10/2011)

- **File status:** Awaiting acceptance by Member State
- **MS: Target Date:** 06/01/2012 = 67 day(s) left

Title:

- Complaint concerning remediation of the former Turner and Newall asbestos factory

Issue Description:

- **Commission service language:** The Commission has received a complaint from the Chairman of the Widnes North Residents' Association concerning the remediation of the former Turner and Newall asbestos factory (now owned by Marley Eternit). In this regard the complainant noted that in May 2010 Halton Borough Council granted planning permission for the site to be remediated and for 116 houses to be built. However it considered that a prior environmental impact assessment was unnecessary. The complainant is concerned that the demolition works of the factory were undertaken in a way that did not safeguard the health and safety of nearby residents with inadequate regard being had to the control of asbestos dust. In his view there was no proper monitoring of the works undertaken either. The complainant is also concerned that the future residents of the new houses also run the risk of exposure to asbestos fibres once the houses are built and subsequently occupied.

Having regard to the above the Commission would be grateful for on the allegations put by the complainant. In addition, the Commission would be grateful if your authorities could: 1) provide a copy of the screening decision on the need to carry out an environmental impact assessment adopted under Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by Directives 97/11/EC, 2003/35/EC and 2009/31/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment; 2) explain how the requirements of the Council Directive 87/217/EEC of 19 March 1987 on the prevention and reduction of environmental pollution by asbestos, especially requirements set in Articles 7 and 8, have been respected; 3) inform us if any breaches were identified when monitoring the works.

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