

**Question for written answer E-003946/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Incidents at Almaraz nuclear power plant

Recently, two incidents have taken place at Almaraz, a nuclear power plant close to the Portuguese border and on the River Tagus.

Almaraz has two reactors and the capacity to produce 2 010 megawatts, making it Spain's biggest nuclear power plant. It has been operating since 1981, in a seismic hazard zone and just 110 km from the Portuguese border.

Its closure had been planned for 2024, but in 2019, this date was pushed back to 2028. As is public knowledge, Portugal has no nuclear power plants.

In the light of the above:

1. Has the Commission been duly monitoring the safety of this plant?
2. Is it aware of any steps either already or to be taken by the Portuguese Government with the aim of speeding up the plant's closure?