

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

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Subject: Follow-up questions regarding GenX, PMT substances and REACH

As indicated in written question E-006961-17, problems with the quality of surface water that is used as a source for drinking water production have arisen due to the discharge of GenX. Traces of the substances GenX– in concentrations which did not pose a risk to human health - have even reached the drinking water.

Current problems of the presence of hazardous substances in source water for drinking water production are about persistent, mobile and toxic substances (PMT substances), which due to their mobility are very difficult to remove at water treatment plants.

1. Does the Commission know of the proposal¹ of the German Environment Agency to take up criteria and an assessment procedure under REACH to be able to classify PMT substances as substances of very high concern (SVHC), as is already the case for persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic (PBT) substances? Could the Commission support this proposal, so as to enable it to be further developed and implemented in REACH?

2. What is the Commission's view on taking up a drinking water criterion in REACH, to be able to prevent the negative effects of the discharge of hazardous substances on drinking water resources?

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