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The Servants of Environmental Health of the Junta de Extremadura ask for that the emissions of dioxins, furanos and PCB`s should be analysed at the industry Vinibasa

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The members of the Platform Against the Contamination of Almendralejo (Badajoz) met in February 2007 with sanitary persons in charge of the Junta de Extremadura with the aim of putting in their knowledge some facts they worried them.

In the course of the meeting, to the one that the Chiefs of the Service of Epidemiología and of Food Security and Environmental Health assisted, as well as of a woman doctor, he showed to the technicians the bibliographic reports in which bases him on the Platform to prove that Vinibasa is emitting substances branded like persistent organic pollutants (POP's), dioxins and furanos, which concretely are listed like cancer-producing substances.

After studying the documentation and exchanging opinions, the technicians came to the conclusion that the members of the Platform brought in enough documentation to demonstrate, at least presumably, what they affirmed. Therefore they committed themselves to fulfil some studies. It was so that Epidemiology Service fulfilled two studies, one that treats on the incidence of the mortality for cancer in Almendralejo comparing it with other zones of Extremadura and another one on the incidence of the dioxins and the furanos on health.

The results of both studies came out through communications of press of the Platform. It will be useful to remind that the result of the first one on deaths for cancer in Almendralejo came to an end that there was not more deaths for this motive at our city compared with other places in Extremadura. As to the second one, it was affirmed that dioxins and furans affect health to a large extent, and it established than an exposition to elevated concentration of these substances incremented the risk of suffering cancer in a 40 %, in addition to be related to great quantity of diseases like: " diabetes, problems of motive and mental development, cardiovascular diseases, periodontal diseases, problems of reproduction, effects on eyes, nose and respiratory tract, skin diseases, delay in the development of the nervous system, immune system, anxiety, depression, fatigue and a long etc.

The Head Of Department of Food Security and Environmental Health, that constitutes part of the General Management of Consumer and Communal Health of the Caretaker's Office of Health of the Junta of Extremadura, with date February 22, communicated to the Platform that he had requested collaboration to Rationalization's Environmental Service of Activities in order that they measured the emissions of Vinibasa in relation to furanos, dioxins and PCB's (policlorobifenilos).

As long as the company activity has been paralysed a month approximately, these measurements could have not taken effect. Once the industry has started over to incinerate leftovers (residue depleted of grape) we waited that as soon as possible, for the sake of all, the analyses of solicited emissions come true. In addition, we asked for the competent authorities that, the same as have made the members of the Platform, request reports to the technicians in environmental health, or give for valid whose that the Platform gotten, and according to his judgement, attending to always the Precautionary Beginning that governs in the States Members, embrace, if need be, the decision of suspending the company activity until they have the results of its emissions ", the Platform has communicated.

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