

Croatia: Off the record, Government sues Republic of Srpska and Zarubezhneft about pollution in Slavonski Brod

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About the unofficial notice that the Croatian government would file a complaint to the European Commission due to transboundary pollution against the Republic of Srpska and oil refinery in Bosanski Brod, Ministry of Environment and Nature commented that they "seek permanent active solution for air pollution in Slavonski Brod and at all available levels."

"We will inform the public, the leaders of Slavonski Brod and Brod-Posavina County, associations and citizens, through official channels, about all the steps, as soon as the conditions are met, and we will continue to do it," they said to Hina at the Ministry regarding possibility to sue the continued pollution in Slavonski Brod, which was written in Vecernji List referring to sources in the government.

It should be the response of Croatia on the latest environmental incidents for which residents of Slavonski Brod have again this weekend protested, and also for the unwillingness of the authorities of the Republic of Srpska and the owner of the refinery - Russian Zarubezhneft to take concrete steps towards the introduction of higher environmental standards in the refinery, it was written.

Although they would not answer specifically about the possible raising of the claim, the statement of the Ministry of Environment can be inferred that they are preparing to file a lawsuit to European Commission.

In Slavonski Brod about 350 citizens gathered on Saturday on the central square to protest the slow resolution of the problem of air pollution that comes from the refinery Brod. The protest rally was organized by Civil Initiatives "When if not now."

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