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Toxic waste in Saronno: “On its way to Germany”

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“We are an accredited firm, and **there is no danger for the people.**” This is what the businessman **Bruno Bella**, the owner of Solter, the firm in Saronno that collected the 9000 m³ of toxic waste produced after the **decontamination of the former chemical plant in Pioltello**. “By making our firm available,” Bella explained, “we have helped the Region to avoid **an embarrassment in Europe**, and a **€500 million fine**. This waste had to be stored somewhere, and we satisfied the requirements.”

On Tuesday morning, Bella **met the Mayor of Saronno**, Luciano Porro. Last week, the Mayor asked why he had not been informed, by any authority, that these trucks were going through Saronno. “**There was no dangerous release into the atmosphere,**” Bella continued. “The material consists of soil soaked with hydrocarbons, which is not like asbestos, which releases particles into the air. This soil only causes problems **if you deposit it on uncontaminated soil.**”

What is now going to happen to this dangerous waste? Bella explains that it is going to stay in Saronno “for a maximum of forty days, maybe less; it depends on the bureaucratic process. In any case, it’s going to **be sent to Germany**, because we don’t have any plants in Italy that can dispose of this kind of waste. We just take care of the storage and, I repeat, without any problems. Our plants are super-authorised, we have no legal precedents, in fact, we are proud of the fact that we’ve even **received a number of awards for our work.**”

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