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Turów open pit coal mine (Poland)

Court of Justice orders immediate cessation of lignite extraction activities for environmental reasons.

Protection of groundwater resources amongst the key reasons for the order



Map source: Google maps

The Turów mine is an open pit lignite mine located in South-Western Poland (Lower Silesia Region), close to the borders of the Czech Republic and Germany.

This order by the Court of Justice - for immediate cessation of lignite extraction activities for environmental reasons - appears important for three reasons

- The opposing parties in the case - Czech Republic vs. Poland;
- The speed of the legal procedure;
- Protection of water resources under the Water Framework Directive as a key reason for the order.