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SUNGAI SEMENYIH ODOUR POLLUTION

# 'WATER SUPPLY FULLY RESTORED'

## Air Selangor thanks public for cooperation

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**P**ENGURUSAN Air Selangor (Air Selangor) said water supply had been fully restored in all areas affected by the odour pollution in Sungai Semenyih, which began on Dec 21. In a statement at 7am yesterday, Air Selangor said the supply was restored beginning Wednesday night. It extended its apology to users

affected by the unscheduled water disruption.

The company expressed its appreciation to the public for their cooperation.

Earlier, it was reported that more than 1.5 million users in four districts in Hulu Langat, Sepang, Kuala Langat and Petaling had experienced a water supply disruption as the Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant was shut down.

This followed the odour pollution in Sungai Semenyih, which was the main source of the

plant's raw water.

The source of contamination was traced to a sewage treatment facility in Bandar Bukit Mahkota.

On Dec 21, Air Selangor said the water treatment plant's shutdown led to 328,957 households in 348 areas in Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat and Sepang being affected by the unscheduled water disruption.

Air Selangor operates as the sole concessionaire to manage water supply services in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya beginning April 1.

Its operations are being monitored by the National Water Ser-

vices Commission (SPAN) under the Water Services Industry Act 2006.

On Dec 22, SPAN said the dumping of industrial waste into Indah Water Consortium's (IWK) manholes in Bandar Bukit Mahkota was the cause of the odour pollution.

On the same day, Selangor Environment, Green Technology and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman Hee Loy Sian was reported as saying that 20 IWK sewage manholes in the area would be sealed to prevent a recurrence.

Hee said he had instructed the Kajang Municipal Council and

IWK to guard the entrance to monitor those entering and leaving the area.

"We have asked the police to conduct patrols to stop people from dumping chemical waste into the manholes," he had said at IWK's facility in Bandar Bukit Mahkota.

He said closed-circuit television cameras would be installed.

For updates, users can refer to Air Selangor's mobile phone application, Facebook, and Instagram.

Users can also visit its website at [www.airstelangor.com](http://www.airstelangor.com) for information.