

DoE to monitor Lotte Chemical's Johor plant for next 3 months

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THE Department of Environmental (DoE) will continue to monitor Lotte Chemical Titan Holding Bhd's Pasir Gudang plant for up to three months despite the lifting of the

stop order last week. Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the olefin and polyolefin producer has upgraded its machines to meet DoE's requirements, but the environmental authority must ensure all upgrades comply with the standards.

"The company is operating, so DoE can check if the upgraded machines are working. Lotte Chemical has upgraded some of the mechanical machines as

required, but DoE will supervise and check if they are functioning satisfactorily," he told *The Malaysian Reserve (TMR)* after officiating the 30th National Geoscience Conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Wan Junaidi said during the supervisory period, Lotte Chemical, which is a unit under South Korea-based petrochemical giant Lotte Chemical Corp, will be asked to pause its operation if the upgrades fail to meet the specifications.

"Surely, while undergoing this period, the DoE will order the operation to put on hold if the upgraded machines fail to meet expectations," the minister said.

Last Thursday, *TMR* quoted Wan Junaidi as saying that the stop order issued on Lotte Chemical's plant in Johor would not be lifted until the DoE completes its extensive daily monitoring exercise on the level of its odour emission.

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