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Section 33 is covered in smog which residents say is a potential health hazard. — Picture by Mukhriz Hazim

# Residents worried over smog and stench

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**SHAH ALAM** — Residents of Kemuning Residence in Section 33 here are concerned over odour and smog being emitted by a nearby factory.

They say the smog hovers over the neighbourhood, sometimes blanketing it.

They are worried the content may be hazardous to health.

Kemuning Residence Home Owners and

Residents Association chairman Ahmad Nazmi Ab Razak, 47, said they had been troubled by the “hazy” conditions since October.

The association had urged the authorities to take action against the factory, owned by Peninsular Steel Galvanizing Sdn Bhd, which had said it was rectifying the problem (see accompanying story).

“The residents managed to get the Shah Alam City Council and Department of Environment Selangor (DOE) to visit the factory on Nov 17,” Ahmad Nazmi said.

“The DOE found that a faulty filter was the

cause of the problem and the factory was given until the year-end to rectify it.

“We had lodged a police report but was told the matter was under the jurisdiction of the DOE.”

Committee member Reuben Oh Cheong Long, 51, said the residents had taken measures to prevent health complications.

“We avoid outdoor activities after 7pm. I also cover the gaps around my doors and windows with cloth to prevent odour and smoke from entering my home,” he said.

Another resident, V.J. Raman, 70, said the situation was especially bad in the mornings.

“I fear if nothing is done, prolonged exposure could lead to health complications. That was why we urged the authorities to take action,” he said.

Edward Chook, 50, said business owners in the area had also been complaining about the odour and smog since 2012.

“It was not so severe when we raised the matter with the authorities four years ago, but the smog and stench have worsened,” he said.

“The smoke is particularly bad at night.”

He hoped the parties would resolve the problem as soon as possible.

## City council warns factory operators

**PETALING JAYA** — The Shah Alam City Council has promised stern action against factory operators if they failed to comply with regulations.

This comes after residents in Section 33 complained that a steel galvanising factory has been emitting excessive smoke for the past few months.

A council spokesman said investigations with other agencies were under way.

“We are coordinating with the district land office and Department of Environment (DOE) for a detailed action plan,” said the spokesman.

City council member Tan Ah Kow, who

oversees Section 33, said the council would take action once the grace period for the factory operator had lapsed.

“We are giving time for the operator to produce their operating permits and other paperwork but the council will take action if they failed to rectify the issue,” he said.

A spokesperson for Peninsular Steel Galvanizing Sdn Bhd said they were rectifying the situation and cooperating with the council and DOE.

“We are giving our full cooperation to the authorities and also looking at ways to resolve the matter,” said the spokesperson.