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SUNGAI SEMENYIH WATER TREATMENT PLANT

WATER CUT DUE TO WASTE DISPOSAL

Illegally dumped waste caused odour in effluent discharged from sewage plant

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THE odour pollution in Sungai Semenyih, which resulted in the closure of the Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant for about 10 hours on Saturday, is believed to have been caused by the illegal

dumping of waste into the sewerage system.

State Environment, Green Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman Hee Loy Sian yesterday said the matter was detected by the Selangor Water Management Authority and the Department of Environment while investigating a manhole system of a public sewer network in Bandar Bukit Mahkota, Bangi.

"Investigations detected a foul smell from a manhole in the vicinity of the residential area in Bandar Bukit Mahkota. It is likely



A Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd employee conducting a water quality test at Sungai Semenyih in Bangi yesterday. PIC BY AZHAR RAMLI

to be the location of the pollutants entering the system, before they entered the Indah Water Konsortium Sdn Bhd sewage plant.

"The waste could not be treated by the sewage plant and caused a strong odour in the effluent discharge from the facility when it flowed into Sungai Beranang and Sungai Semenyih, which provide the main source of raw water for

the Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant."

Following this, he said, activated carbon was used to reduce the river's odour.

Hee said heavy rain, on Saturday and yesterday, reduced the odour in Sungai Semenyih.

Hee also said the Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant was back in operation at 4.30am yesterday.

Hee said Selangor Water Management Authority and the relevant quarters were identifying the culprit behind the incident.

On Saturday, Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd had to halt the operations at the Sungai Semenyih water treatment plant due to the river's foul smell, which affected people in Petaling, Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat and Sepang. **Bernama**