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Water treatment plant forced to shut down

➤ Illegal dumping of toxic waste cause of odour pollution at Sungai Semenyih facility: IWK

KUALA LUMPUR: The illegal dumping of toxic waste into the Indah Water Konsortium (IWK) sewer by irresponsible parties is the cause of the odour pollution at the Sungai Semenyih Water Treatment Plant (LRA).

In a statement yesterday, the National Water Services Commission (SPAN) said the perpetrators will be identified and action will be taken against them in accordance with the Water Services Industry Act 2006.

Plant operations were suspended on Saturday to prevent the polluted water from reaching 1.5 million consumers in parts of Hulu Langat, Sepang, Putrajaya, Petaling Jaya and Kuala Langat, Bernama reported.

The commission is working with parties including the

Selangor Water Management Authority, Department of Environment, Air Selangor and IWK, to address the situation and resume operations.

The LRA will remain closed as it still emits an unpleasant odour and records a threshold odour number (TON) of three as of 6.30 am yesterday.

Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor), in a statement yesterday, said the plant is to remain closed until the TON readings reach zero level. Related agencies including Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (Luas), are actively carrying out cleaning work.

In another development, the Bukit Tampoi LRA, which receives raw water from Sungai Semenyih, was forced to cease

operations from 3.30pm on Saturday, affecting 336,930 accounts in 366 areas.

Affected areas include Kuala Langat district are Kampung Bukit Changgang, Kampung Labohan Dagang, Kampung Olak Lempit, Kampung Orang Asli Bukit Bangkong, Bukit Tampoi, Kampung Selangor Dredging, Kampung Sungai Manggis, Kilang ISF Dengkil, Kompleks Perabot Olak Lempit, Pusat Serenti, RRM Bukit Changgang, Telor Datok and Taman Ambar, Taman Arked, Taman Changgang Jaya, Taman Seri Dagang, Taman Seri Manggis, Taman Seri Telok Datok and Taman Topaz.

"Emergency water supply continues to be provided to affected areas with priority given to consumers and critical and emergency premises including hospitals. Eleven local service centres are still operating around the clock. Air Selangor expects the recovery to take some time. Updates will be issued from time to time.

In the meantime, IWK will seal

off all manholes at its treatment plant in Bandar Bukit Mahkota, Cheras to prevent illegal waste disposal from reoccurring.

State Environment, Green Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman, Hee Loy Sian, raised that through a discussion, where IWK had agreed to permanently close all 20 manholes in the area to prevent people from opening it.

"I will also direct the Kajang Municipal Council and IWK to provide 24-hour monitoring at the entrance of the area and I hope, the police can patrol the area to ensure that the area is not trespassed by intruders," he said when contacted yesterday.

Hee added that the Bandar Putera Mahkota Sewage Water Treatment Plant was a neglected area but is a complete sewerage system and infrastructure.

"This area is near the Negri Sembilan border and an industrial area, we cannot stop them from entering this place," he said.



Residents in Subang Jaya collecting water from a tanker during the treatment plant shutdown. - BBXPIX