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# Worried over chemical find

## Puchong villagers report drums abandoned at river bank

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**SUBANG JAYA:** Residents in Kandan Dalam village, Puchong, have expressed worries after drums of chemicals were found dumped on a river bank near Sungai Klang here.

State local government, public transport and new village development committee chairman Ng Sze Han said he had received phone calls from residents nearby regarding the worrying situation.

"The residents are seeking an immediate solution from the authorities to avoid any pollution or destruction," he said after visiting the area.

A total of 290 drums containing chemicals were found to have been placed at the location, with 10 of them empty. There are worries that the contents might have been thrown into the river.

There are no labels on the drums but a sticker at the bottom pointed to a chemical company.

It was reported that Selangor Department of Environment (DOE) received a complaint from the public on Nov 5 about chemical dumping in the area.

The state DOE team found 300 black, blue and green coloured drums on a palette beside the river.

State DOE had also contacted the Petaling district engineer from Selangor Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to inform about the issue.

DID will be in charge of disposing the drums, depending on the result of the sample analysis from the Chemistry Department.

Sample analysis showed that the chemicals found in the drums were



brownish coloured semi-solid or slurry waste, glycerin bottom, a substance used in the food industry generated by oleochemical factories.

At the site, Selangor Disaster Management chief Ahmad Fahrur Mohd Yusof said that the chemicals were not hazardous and classified as non-reactive and hygroscopic.

"We are currently waiting for the chemical analysis from the Chemistry Department and expect to get the results next week.

"If the analysis shows that the chemicals are categorised as scheduled waste, they will be designated by Kualiti Alam Sdn Bhd at designated premises licensed by the state DOE at a cost of RM350,000.

"Otherwise, the chemicals can be disposed at any landfill area or sanitary disposal area approved by the local authority with a lower cost," he said.

DID has moved the chemical drums to a more stable area at the location to avoid any more chemical spills into the river and has also restricted the area.

Future enforcement action and investigation for this case will be implemented by the state DOE and the Selangor Water Management Authority.

The state DOE has carried out investigations into several oleochemical and biodiesel factories in Selangor in order to identify the irresponsible quarters that dumped the chemical drums.

**Foul find:**  
Ng visiting the banks of Sungai Klang near Kandan Dalam village where the drums with glycerin bottom (below), a substance used in the food industry generated by oleochemical factories, were dumped. — NORAFI EHSAN/The Star.

