

Langat 2 water treatment plant project delayed

THE Langat 2 water treatment plant (WTP) project is delayed, the state assembly was told when an update on its progress was raised.

Infrastructure and public amenities, agriculture modernisation and agro-based industry committee chairman Izham Hashim said the actual progress of the treatment plant stood at 90.32% as of May this year.

The projected work schedule for it was to be 92.58% by that time, he added.

“Based on information given by Pengurusan Aset Air Berhad (PAAB), this means that there is a 2.26% delay (between actual and projected progress status) for the project.

“PAAB is the agency in charge of overseeing Langat 2 WTP and its distribution system, which is a federal project,” said Izham.

He was replying to Michelle Ng Mei Sze (PH-Subang Jaya), who asked about the progress of Langat 2 WTP project.

Izham said the WTP had water production capacity of 1,130 MLD (million litres per day).

Although the plant was completed and activated since December 2019, he said its distribution system, which covered the west corridor and north corridor, was still under construction and would only be completed by the end of next year.

“To ensure treated water from the Langat 2 WTP can be channelled to users, PAAB installed a connection from the Langat 2 WTP new balancing pond in Bukit Enggang to the existing Langat 1 WTP pond.

“Air Selangor has also implemented two more pipe connection works downstream to expand the distribution system to more areas,” he added.

Currently, he said Air Selangor was able to distribute up to 400 MLD of treated water using the existing distribution system from Langat 2 WTP.

Joint effort nets polluter

Authorities detain tanker, curb pollution at three rivers via daily patrols

ENFORCEMENT officers of various agencies are conducting daily patrols in the Teluk Gong and Pulau Indah industrial areas to nab river polluters.

State tourism, environment, green technology and Orang Asli affairs committee chairman Hee Loy Sian said the state government, Department of Environment (DOE) and Selangor Water Management Authority (LUAS) carried out continuous enforcement to prevent pollution in Sungai Chandong in Pulau Indah, and Sungai Tengkorak and Sungai Udang, both in Telok Gong.

This was done by targeting manufacturing activities that produced industrial effluents and scheduled waste, he said.

“Monitoring at pollution hotspot locations using drones has also been implemented.

“In addressing pollution at source, the state government through LUAS has introduced the Polluters Pay Principle and Zero Discharge Policy to reduce pollution from industrial activities, and improve the quality of water resources in the state,” he said.

Hee was replying to Azmizam Zaman Huri (PH-Pelabuhan Klang) who asked about the state government’s action to prevent frequent pollution at the three rivers.

Azmizam also asked about the effects of pollution on the ecological system and rivers.

Hee said a specific study was needed to determine exactly the effects of pollution on the ecological system in the three rivers.

“This includes information on the inventory of sources of pollution, river water quality status, aquatic and marine life data, and carrying capacity of the river.

“The DOE conducted an initial investigative study in Telok Gong last year where the findings could help the state government



A file photo of a huge amount of plastic waste found near Sungai Chandong at Pulau Indah emitting a foul stench in September, 2021.

continue with a more comprehensive river study and propose mitigation and river conservation action plans in the short, medium and long term,” he added.

Hee also said the state government through Klang Municipal Council (MPK) had started to control the types of industries that operated in Telok Gong area since Sept 1 last year as new heavy industries were no longer allowed.

“The DOE detained a tanker suspected of dumping red paint and pigment residue that caused Sungai Chandong to turn red on June 13 and 29 this year.

“As a result of the surveillance, it was found that the tanker was located at a premises in Port Klang that was also used as a scheduled waste collection centre without DOE approval,” he said.

Hee added that during the July 5 raid by MPK enforcement officers, as many as 100 barrels of intermediate bulk containers containing various wastes such as used paint, ink, acid and black oil, were found.

“The DOE found traces of red pigment waste on the top cover of the tanker.

“Some waste samples were taken to be sent to the Chemistry Department for chemical analysis of the waste composition.”

He said investigations into offences under Sections 34B, 34A, Sections 18 and Section 19 of the Environmental Quality Act 1974 were now focused on the premises owners and illegal operators involved.

“For the record, since the June 29 incident, 14 premises in Klang and Shah Alam were raided by DOE officers but no suspicious activities were found,” he said.