

Company ordered to stop discharge of oil waste, clean oil spill

October 25, 2021 @ 2:33pm



DoE has ordered a fleet operator maintenance premises at Jalan Permatang Nibong here to immediately stop the discharge of oil waste, and clean-up an oil spill in Sungai Kubang Semang - Pic courtesy of DoE Penang

BUKIT MERTAJAM: The Department of Environment (DoE) has ordered a fleet operator maintenance premises at Jalan Permatang Nibong here to immediately stop the discharge of oil waste, and to clean up an oil spill in Sungai Kubang Semang.

The directive follows an investigation by the state DoE into the matter yesterday after complaints from the public.

State DoE director Sharifah Zakiah Syed Sahab said a RM30,000 compound was also imposed on the premises for failing to comply with legal provisions under the Environmental Quality (Scheduled Waste) Regulations 2005.

"The DoE received a complaint regarding oil waste in the river on Saturday night. DoE officers went to the ground to conduct preliminary investigations along a 4km stretch of the river and detected oil sheen.



- Pic courtesy of DoE Penang

"Further inspections yesterday found that the oil waste discharge was from one of the commercial fleet operator maintenance premises near the river. It was found that the premises had failed to maintain its oil trap and oil interceptor properly.

"This caused oil pollution from the premises into inland waters," she said today.

Sharifah Zakiah said the premises, which conducts commercial fleet operator contract businesses together with several major petrochemical companies in Malaysia, was also found to have failed to manage scheduled waste generated in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Quality (Scheduled Waste) Regulations 2005.

Besides that, she added that the premises also failed to provide a competent person to manage scheduled waste as required under Section 49A of the Environmental Quality Act 1974.



- Pic courtesy of DoE Penang

"Further inspection also found that the monsoon drains within the premises were also contaminated with oil waste from oil interceptors, scheduled waste storage area and the heavy vehicle washing bay.

"An oil spill was also detected on the ground near the diesel skid tank within the premises," she added.

Sharifah Zakiah warned that stern action would be taken against any premises which failed to properly manage scheduled waste.