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112 industrial drums dumped near Sg Jang Orang Asli Village

SHAH ALAM: A total of 112 industrial drums filled with an unidentified liquid were discovered discarded near the Sungai Jang Orang Asli Village in Kerling, Hulu Selangor, on Saturday.

The drums were found near a stream that flows into Sungai Jang by the Selangor Water Management Authority (Luas) after a tip-off from the Hulu Selangor District Council (MDHS) at 7.39am.

An integrated operation was launched by Luas, MDHS, the Department of Environment (DoE), the police, Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd, and the Tanjung Malim District Council (MDTM).

It was found that the drums were sealed and that none of the liquid had leaked into the river located 52km from the Rantau Panjang Water Treatment Plant.

"Luas cordoned off the area where the drums were found. Luas and other authorities are monitoring the site," said Selangor Environment, Green Technology, Science and Consumer Affairs exco Hee Loy Sian.

An investigation linked the drums to a nearby vegetable farm.

"The farm owner was served with two notices for indiscriminately disposing of the 112 drums. We also found that the barrels had been distributed by a factory in Kampung Sungai Dara, Behrang Ulu in Perak. MDTM has issued a notice of offence to the factory."

He said the drums were returned to the factory, which was directed by the DoE to dispose of the liquid away from the river in accordance with the Environmental Quality Act 1974.