



The landfill near Batang Berjuntai is owned and managed by KUB-Berjaya Enviro Sdn Bhd.

DOE applying 'double standards'

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KUALA LUMPUR: The operators of the Bukit Tagar landfill yesterday questioned the Selangor Department of Environment's action to press legal charges against them for alleged violation of Environmental Impact Assessment conditions.

KUB-Berjaya Enviro Sdn Bhd described the move as "unreasonable", claiming that the DOE had not hauled up other landfill operators who had flouted the rules.

"Why is the DOE singling out the Bukit Tagar landfill when other operators are also responsible for discharging leachate?"

"Even Datuk Fatah Iskandar (State Infrastructure and Public Utilities Committee chairman) himself had

identified a few other sources of pollution and one very obvious example of source of pollution is the Kundang landfill, which is even nearer to the intake of Sungai Selangor," said KUB-Berjaya Enviro Sdn Bhd managing director Chock Eng Tah.

He asked if the DOE might be practising "double standards" where "certain standards are applied to us and another applied to others". Chock said the Kundang landfill had been discharging leachate continuously.

"Even the Minister of Environment (Datuk Seri Azmi Khalid) saw for himself that leachate was discharged by the Kundang landfill.

"Another example is the Taman Beringin landfill," he claimed.

He said it was unreasonable of the DOE to prosecute them for a minor accident while other landfills discharged leachate continuously.

The DOE themselves, he said, recognised that there were many dumpsites that contributed to the pollution and that they were going to recommend to the Cabinet Committee on Environmental Issues that the dumpsites be closed.

"With so much at stake, we cannot afford to be clandestine or irresponsible operators," said Chock.

He added that they had been very responsible all this while save for the minor accident on Feb 26.