

Melaka factory fined RM30,000 over licence breach, pollution complaints

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MELAKA: A scheduled waste recovery factory, Malacha Sdn Bhd, was fined RM30,000 by the Sessions Court here yesterday after it pleaded guilty to failing to comply with its licence conditions issued by the Department of Environment (DoE) Melaka.

State DoE director Rosli Mustafa said enforcement action was taken following investigations conducted at the factory premises between 11am and 12.40pm on Dec 12, 2024.

The probe was launched after two public complaints were received regarding water pollution and foul odours from the factory located in the Bukit Rambai Industrial Area.

Rosli said the charge against the company was framed under Section 18 of the Environmental Quality Act 1974, read together with Section 16(1), and punishable under Section 16(2) of the same Act.

"Investigations by DoE enforcement officers found that the industrial effluent discharged at the factory's final discharge point failed to comply with the limits set under the Environmental Quality (Industrial Effluent) Regulations 2009.

"Therefore, the company was found to have breached Condition No. 8.10 of Licence No. 003262, which stipulates that any effluent produced must comply with relevant regulations," he said in a statement last night.

Rosli said Section 16(2) of the Act provides for a minimum fine of RM25,000 and a maximum of RM250,000, or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Malacha Sdn Bhd is a local company that trades fuel oil and recycles hazardous waste like used oil and sludge under DoE regulations.

Rosli added that during submissions, the DoE prosecuting officer said that a heavier sentence was warranted due to repeated public complaints and the impact of the pollution on the well-being of nearby residents.

"It is hoped that this fine will serve as a lesson for industry players to always comply with regulations, as well as act as a deterrent against similar violations in future.

"DoE urges the public to continue playing their role in protecting the environment by reporting any pollution activities through the toll-free line 1-800-88-2727, email aduan_k@DoE.gov.my, or the DoE e-complaint portal at <https://eaduan.DoE.gov.my>," he said.