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All systems go for 60-hour water cut in Penang



GEORGE TOWN: The Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) has assured that all preparations are in place for the safe, rapid and successful implementation of the 60-hour water supply disruption in the state scheduled for April 25.

PBAPP chief executive officer Datuk K. Pathmanathan said they had given the green light for works to be carried out simultaneously for 23 projects in various parts of the state.

He said key projects include the repair of a leaking 700mm pipeline and six pump house upgrading works at the Sungai Dua Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Seberang Prai Utara (SPU); the replacement of a faulty 1.2m valve at a pipeline in Jalan Pengkalan Tambang, near the Sungai Dua WTP; and final connection works for the 1.35m Sungai Prai River Crossing Pipeline in Seberang Prai Tengah (SPT).

Other key projects include the diversion of a 0.9m pipeline section at the Majlis Sukan Negeri Complex in Batu Uban, and three upgrading projects for treated water re-pumping operations at the Bukit Dumbar Reservoir and Pumping Station Complex on the island.

"Earlier this week, senior PBAPP water supply engineering personnel visited and inspected preparatory works at the Sungai Dua WTP, Jalan Pengkalan Tambang, Sungai Prai, Batu Uban, and Bukit Dumbar.

"In our opinion, all preparations are in place for safe, rapid and successful simultaneous implementation," he said in a statement today.

More than 341,708 water consumers will be affected by the scheduled water supply interruption (SWSI) lasting up to 60 hours, from April 25 to April 28.

During this period, PBAPP will carry out 23 waterworks projects across nine installations simultaneously, at a cost of RM25 million.

Pathmanathan said preparations had also been made to commence work on 10 other ancillary waterworks projects at Bukit Minyak (Seberang Prai Selatan – SPS), as well as the Bukit Gedung Reservoir and Pumping Station Complex, Jalan Datuk Ismail Hashim, Tun Dr Awang, and the Teluk Kumbar Pumping Station on the island.

"In summary, PBAPP will implement all the April 25 SWSI waterworks projects as planned.

"PBAPP apologises for all the inconvenience that will be caused by the April 25 SWSI.

"Affected consumers should plan to store sufficient water for use over 24, 48 or 60 hours, depending on the projected duration of the SWSI in their areas," he added.

The implementation of the 23 waterworks projects related to the April 25 SWSI will allow PBAPP to pump and distribute more treated water at higher pressures from the Sungai Dua WTP to about 465,000 consumers in Seberang Prai and Penang island.