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PBAPP advises 26,000 Seberang Prai users to store water for Jan 28-29



GEORGE TOWN: Some 26,000 water users in Seberang Prai Utara (SPU) and Seberang Prai Tengah (SPT) have been advised to store sufficient water for use over 24 hours on Jan 28 and 29 as a precautionary measure.

Penang Water Supply Corporation Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) chief executive officer Datuk K. Pathmanathan said the advisory was issued in conjunction with the implementation of final connection works for the second Prai River Crossing Pipeline (SP-RCP 2) at Sungai Dua.

He said the works would be carried out near Sri Tambang Restaurant and Aur Gading Restaurant on Jan 28, involving a 900-millimetre-diameter main pipeline that supplies treated water from the Sungai Dua Water Treatment Plant.

"PBAPP is not planning any scheduled water supply interruption (SWSI) as 'hot tapping' and 'line stopping' technologies will be used, allowing the connection works to be carried out without shutting off the water flow.

"With the use of this technology, water supply to users in SPU and SPT is expected to remain unaffected throughout the duration of the works," he said today.

Pathmanathan, however, noted this was the first time such technology was being used for a large-diameter main pipeline in Penang.

"As such, PBAPP is taking precautionary measures by urging users to store sufficient water in preparation for any unforeseen circumstances that may occur during the works," he added.

SPU areas involved include Sungai Dua, while SPT areas include Alma, Bukit Mertajam town, Bukit Minyak, Bukit Teh, Cheroke Tokun, Kampung Baru and Kampung Kota.

Also affected are Kota Permai, Machang Bubok, Padang Lalang, Penanti, Permatang Pasir, Sungai Rambai, Taman Bukit, Taman Bukit Indah and Taman Sentosa, he said.