

PREDICTION ON WATER QUALITY OF POINT SOURCE POLLUTION FOR
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ABSTRACT

The growth in population and expansion in urbanization, industrialization and irrigated agriculture are imposing growing demands and pressure on water resources, besides contributing to raise water pollution. As a case in point, Lunchoo River was initiated to be the contribution of water quality deterioration with regional consequences on the aquatic ecosystem and on the health of the downstream sub-basin's user group. Thus, a balance strike between those developments and a good quality of life that has to be considered in the complex relationship between water quality and quantity on one hand and human health and well being on the other. In this study, a limitation on point sources pollutant and low flow condition are accounted for industrialization sectors within Lunchoo River catchment boundary. Approached of Mass Balance concepts are put into practice in order to analyze the situation. However, an understanding of the existing river characteristic and waste stream characteristic is deemed necessary to determine the background level of pollutant. Output generated from this study is important because it is a vital key toward an optimal management of its resources. Then, comparison between the current standard limit or guideline and the result achieved will determine the stage of pollutant. Therefore, the outcome of this study will determine the water quality of Lunchoo River and it is one of the initiative to ensure the water quality and environment been properly manage at Lunchoo River, as it is the most important sources of raw water to satisfy the clean water supply demand for the entire Johore State and also Singapore.

ABSTRAK

Pertumbuhan penduduk dan pemelesaian pembangunan dalam sektor perbandaran, pengindustrian dan pengairan pertanian telah menyebabkan peningkatan permintaan yang mendadak dan seterusnya member impak kepada bekalan sumber air bersih selain menyumbang kepada peningkatan pencemaran sungai. Dalam kajian ini, Sungai Lunchoo telah dikenalpasti sebagai satu contoh terbaik yang merujuk kepada kemerosotan kualiti air akibat yang memberi impak kepada ekosistem akuatik setempat dan pada juga kesihatan bagi kumpulan pengguna di hilir sungai terutamanya. Jesteru itu, perlu ada keseimbangan antara pembangunan dan satu kualiti hidup baik yang perlu dipraktikkan dalam hubungan kompleks antara kualiti air dan kuantitinya dan pada masa yang sama kesihatan dan kesejahteraan manusia dapat di capai. Dalam kajian ini, had telah ditetapkan adalah merujuk pada pencemaran sumber bertitik dan keadaan aliran rendah adalah dikira bagi kawasan pengindustrian di Sungai Lunchoo. Kaedah yang menggunakan konsep Mass Balance dipraktikkan sebagai medium untuk menganalisis data. Walaubagaimanapun, perlu adanya kefahaman yang mendalam terhadap kriteria sediaada sungai dan juga sisa aliran dari kawasan industri yang mana ia amat diperlukan dalam menentukan aras pencemaran sungai tersebut. Hasil dari kajian ini adalah penting kerana ia adalah satu kunci ke arah satu pengurusan optimum terhadap sumber-sumbernya. Kemudiannya, perbandingan antara had standard semasa atau garis panduan dan keputusan yang diperolehi dilakukan yang mana ia akan menentukan pencemaran sungai tersebut. Seterusnya, hasil kajian ini dapat menentukan kualiti air Sungai Lunchoo dan ia merupakan satu inisiatif dalam memastikan kualiti air dan persekitaran dapat diurus dengan sewajarnya sementelah ianya merupakan sumber penting air mentah dalam memastikan permintaan bekalan air bersih untuk seluruh Johor dan juga Singapura dapat dipenuhi.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
TSS	Total Suspended Solid
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
<i>COD</i>	Chemical Oxygen Demand
AN	Ammoniacal Nitrogen
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
SO ₄	Sulphate
NO ₃	Nitrate
<i>p</i>	Probability
<i>m</i>	Rank
<i>T</i>	Recurrence Interval
WQI	Water Quality Index
DOE	Department of Environmental
INWQS	Interim National Water Quality Standards for Malaysia
NH ₃ -N	Ammoniacal Nitrogen
<i>C</i>	Concentration
<i>m</i>	Mass
<i>V</i>	Volume
<i>W</i>	Load of Constituent
<i>K_u</i>	Conversion Unit
<i>Q</i>	Flow Rate
<i>C_r</i>	River Concentration
<i>Q_r</i>	River Flow Rate
<i>C_{ww}</i>	Waste water Concentration
<i>Q_{ww}</i>	Waste water Flowrate

Q_{out}	Flow rate Out
V	Volume of stream
K_s	Settling Rate Constant
L_w	Ultimate BOD of the wastewater
K_T	Reaction rate at temperature
T	Temperature
K_r	Reaeration Coefficient
K_d	Rate of Deoxygenation
D_a	Oxygen Deficit
DO_s	Saturation of DO
t_c	Critical Point
I	Intensity
A	Area
PE	Population Equivalent
EA	Extended Aeration Tank
HRT	Hydraulic Retention Time
Q_p	Peak Discharge

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Throughout history, human beings have not had a good record in dealing with pollution. It seems that almost every day there is another story about pollution of one form or another, in the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe. For most cases, water pollution (rivers, lakes, oceans) are becomes the most concern and well talks. River pollution for instance, has historically recognized to be one the consequences of human civilization. In many ways, rivers are sources of life, providing water supply for the people, irrigation for agriculture, as a means of transportation, a source of food in fisheries, hydro-electric power, and water use for industries. As the world's population increases, those water consumption and pollution will also increase. Pollution of our rivers is attributed to point and non-point sources originate mainly from land-based sources. Major land-based pollution activities identified are urban settlements, agricultural run-offs, illegal coastal settlements, industrial discharges and sewerage and animal husbandry.

However, the water situation for some parts of the country has changed from one relative's abundance to one of scarcity. The growth in population and expansion in urbanization, industrialization and irrigated agriculture are imposing growing demands and pressure on water resources, besides contributing to raise water pollution., Thus, a balance strike between those developments and a good

quality of life that has to be considered in the complex relationship between water quality and quantity on one hand and human health and well being on the other. In fact, an understanding of the existing of the river water quality is deemed necessary to determine the background level of pollutant. As a case in point, Lunchoo River was initiated to be the contribution of water quality deterioration with regional consequences on the aquatic ecosystem and on the health of the downstream sub-basin's user group. Focusing on point source pollution, industrialization was identified to be the main contributing factor of water quality deterioration. Thus, a concept of mass balance approach was employed to determine and predict the existing point source pollution in a way of water quality analysis. It is an approach that is commonly used as the indirect method to study source contributions of pollutant loads into the receiving water bodies. This approach is also useful especially when there are distinct dry and wet seasons as existent in the tropical countries (Hema and Muthulagi, 2009).

More precisely, a mass balance model is an accounting device to ensure that differences between inputs and outputs during any particular interval of time, within any particular volume in space, are equal to the net sum of the production, retention, and decay processes within the volume (Robert, 1996). The approach provides a rational basis for setting load reduction targets and priorities, as well as management and regulatory policy. However, mass balance modeling cannot make absolutely precise and accurate predictions; the concept remains sound and has been thoroughly field validated. The expense of the higher level models is primarily incurred due to greatly increased resolution of ambient monitoring and analysis.

1.2 Background of Study

This study was concerned on the determination of point source pollution which emitted directly into Lunchoo River. Those industrial discharge and construction of new coastal highway are said to be the major sources of point source pollutant. However, since construction of new coastal highway is just a temporary pollution source, industrial discharge is become the major of concern. Study area

description can be found in Chapter 3 of this report. During this study, processes involved are site visit, data collections, data interpretations and data analysis.

1.3 Problem Statement

Lunchoo main river originated from Bukit Lunchoo at the north cathment and it flows from vegetable farm areas, passing through Coastal Highway which is still under construction and finally drains into Straits of Johor which approximately 8km east of Tambak Johor. As far to be concerned, Lunchoo River (Figure 1.1) is an estuary area which is under influenced of the tidal from Selat Tebrau which varies in response to the interaction of fresh water flow, friction, and tidal mixing for the upstream and downstream physical structure. Referring to the deteriorated of water quality prior to the industrialization within Lunchoo River surrounding area, an understanding of the existing river water quality is deemed necessary to determine the background level of pollutant. Some prevention action could be made to control the pollution by the aims of maintaining its river water quality status or if possible improved its water quality. Those potential point source pollutants are described as follow;

a) Industrial Discharge

As industrial increasing economic status, it is also contribute to point source pollution in variety ways. Chemicals, toxins, garbage, cleaning product, disease-causing agents and so on flow into rivers, lakes, oceans and end up in drinking water. It has causes health problems and even death for humans, animals, and all aquatic life. In fact, it has also rendered several recreational streams and lakes completely contaminated and usable by people surround. Unfortunately, these long term effects will leave water to be unusable and the worst, safe drinking water will be in short supply. Regarding the purposes project, some of potential industrial that discharge point sources pollution into Lunchoo River are described in Table 1.1.

b) Construction of Coastal Highway

The Johor Bahru East Coast Highway or Johor Bahru-Pasir Gudang Highway is a new highway which is still under construction. This project started on 2008 and expected to be finished on 2011. Contaminant to the surrounding Lunchoo River water body was potentially construction activities. However, the impact is only temporary. Once project is finished, those pollutions from particular activities will vanish.



Figure 1.1: Lunchoo River waterways

Table 1.1: Point Sources Pollution

Source Pollution	Location
Industrial Discharge	<u>Taman Perindustrian Seri Plentong</u> Super Food Technology Sdn. Bhd Universal Cable (M) Berhad Far East Plywood Sankyu Itls Wheatland Evergreen Chemical <u>Taman Perindustrian Kota Puteri</u> JB Progress Fabricator & Eng. Sdn. Bhd. Big Fabrication Sdn. Bhd. Alpha Interocean Sdn. Bhd. Ah Ang Auto <u>Jalan Bukit 1,2 and 3</u> (Sewerage Treatment Plant) <u>Lebuhraya Pasir Gudang</u> Shop lots and Petrol Stations
Construction of coastal highway	<u>Johor Bahru East Coast Highway or</u> <u>Johor Bahru-Pasir Gudang Highway</u>

Those incoming pollutants due to its proximity to the main drain that directly discharge to Lunchoo River; it will potentially contaminate the environment. Hence, it is very difficult to incorporate the effects of all these factors in any single calculation. Therefore, a mass balance analysis is capable in determination and prediction on the water quality of point source pollutions was applied in this study. Figure 1.2 shows the point source pollution areas in Lunchoo River Basin.



Figure 1.2: Main Point Sources Pollution areas in Lunchoo River Basin

1.4 Aims of Study

This study aims to investigate the contribution point sources pollution and to analyze the data over a part of point source pollution within Lunchoo River waterways. This study also means to provide some useful information for the mitigation measure in reducing pollution as well as to improve the water quality along this river.

1.5 Objectives of Study

The objectives of this study are as follow:

- a) To address in general the industrialization that contributes point sources pollution along Lunchoo River water ways.
- b) To predict the impact towards contamination of certain constituents on point sources pollution using Mass Balance Analysis;
- c) To provide strategies and formulation of a plan of action to improve the river water quality.

1.6 Scope of Study

Once problems are address in this study, data collection was deemed necessary for further analysis. Highlighting point source industries that emit pollutant along Lunchoo River catchment areas, a significance formulation approaching to the study are employed. Those results will be compared to the available guideline or standard. Meanwhile, there are also being use the adaption of appropriate analytical techniques and results from previous study to establish a level of predictive accuracy necessary for water quality determination.

1.7 Limitation of Study

Due to time restraint and data constraint, limitations in this study are;

- i. Focusing on point source pollutant from industrial discharge only
- ii. Low Flow design criteria
- iii. Only certain parameter will be investigate using Mass Balance Approach (BOD,TSS,DO)
- iv. The study only covered area surrounding the river for about 7.5 km².
- v. Catchment will divide into 3 sub basin, namely as;

- a. Taman Perindustrian Seri Plentong
- b. Taman Perindustrian Kota Puteri
- c. Taman Perindustrian at Jalan Bukit 1,2,3 and Bukit Lunchoo

1.8 Significant of Study

Analysis on the water quality of baseline study for Lunchoo River is necessary to predict the level of pollutant as well as to develop better water resource management plan of this river. This study is a primary action and the best measure to ensure a sustainable water resources and environment in this area. Output generated from certain water quality constituents will verify the pollutant stage of the river as well as the direction, manipulation, and control of the river system is possible. However, an understanding of using mass balance analysis is a vital key toward an optimal management of its resources. Therefore, this study is one of the initiative to ensure the water quality and environment been properly manage at Lunchoo River, as it is the most important sources of raw water to satisfy the clean water supply demand for the entire Johor State and also Singapore.

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