### Nuclear Application For Water Management And Environmental Protection- Malaysian Experience

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# Outline

- Geography
- Malaysian Nuclear Agency
- Applicable Nuclear Technology
- Nuclear Technology Facilities
- Highlights of Water Management Studies
- Highlights of Environmental Protection Studies
- Benefits and Challenges

## Location



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**NON-DESTRUCTIVE** TEST (NDT)

**GAMMA GREEN** HOUSE



# Water Management and Environment Protection



#### RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTER





#### RADIOCHEMICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL LAB

ISOTOPE RATIO MASS SPECTROMETER (IRMS) LABORATORY

# Applicable Nuclear Technology

- Nuclear analytical techniques e.g. to analyze trace amounts of pollutants
- Radiation technique e.g as a tool to achieve reduced levels of water and industrial pollutants
- Isotope technique ideal for examining environmental processes





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### Early studies using <sup>137</sup> Cs



1981 : Sungai Lui catchment area, Selangor state – sedimentation rate



Kalumpang Agriculture Estate – erosion & sendimention rates



#### Seepage investigation of Timah Tasoh Dam and its Interconnection with Other Water Bodies



#### Identification of Seepage in Pedu Dam



Iso-activity contours of Gold-198 labelled sediment, Pedu Dam



## **Contamination of Groundwater**

- Late 1990's , studies at Gemencheh landfill : data on migration capability and distribution direction of seepage in the water system.
- Contamination of surface water : industrial pollutants in Juru Industrial Estate using <sup>82</sup>Br









## **Marine Environment**





## Investigative studies of landslides





#### Slope failures especially during rainy season Natural and man made slopes

# **Related Regional Projects**

- Promotes the use of environmentally safe isotope techniques in the operation and management of dams and reservoirs
- Promotes the use of environmentally safe isotope techniques for improving freshwater resource management

# Benefits

- Availability of expertise and related facilities
- Impact assessment
- Remedial strategies
- Understand and management the water resources and environment

# Challenges

- Climate change
- Sustain Expertise
- Keeping pace

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