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PRESS STATEMENT

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WATER TREATMENT WITH CHLORINE ADDRESSES LEPTOSPIROSIS RISKS

PENANG, Friday (2/9/2016): Perbadanan Bekalan Air Pulau Pinang Sdn Bhd (PBAPP) uses chlorine to treat raw water in Penang. Chlorine treatment has been found to kill the bacteria that cause leptospirosis.

As such, PBAPP's conventional water treatment processes at the Waterfall Treatment Plant (WTP) addresses the threat of leptospirosis.

Penang tap water is treated to be safe for public consumption, 24/7. There has been no widespread incidence of leptospirosis or any dangerous water-borne diseases caused by treated water in Penang.

To date, PBAPP personnel have not contracted leptospirosis at the WTP. There has been no report of rat infestation at the plant.

It is our standard operating procedure to maintain the cleanliness and safety of all water treatment plant premises on a daily basis. This ensures the quality of Penang's treated water as well as the safety of our personnel.

Campers and hikers are advised to boil raw water before drinking or cooking. Boiling water also kills the bacteria that causes leptospirosis.

Thank You.

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