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ABSTRAK

Di Malaysia, air bawah tanah merupakan salah satu sumber air bersih, selain daripada air sungai dan hujan. Oleh itu, kajian ini dilakukan untuk menentukan kualiti air bawah tanah dan telaga sebagai sumber air yang baik dari bawah tanah. Antara parameter yang terlibat adalah PH, Penebat Elektrik Keketuhan, TDS, TSS, COD, BOD, Mangan, Besi, Tembaga, Zink, Plumbum, Nitrat, Ammonium, Jumlah Coliform dan E- Coli dalam kajian ini. Sampel air diambil dari tiga telaga yang berbeza. Keputusannya dibandingkan dengan Standard Kualiti Air Minum Nasional (NDwQs) untuk mengetahui kelas air bawah tanah bagi setiap telaga. Ia menunjukkan bahawa air bawah tanah tersebut telah tercemar oleh Kromium dengan kepekatan 1.59 mg / L. Namun begitu, ia dianggap sebagai relatif yang rendah kepekatan walaupun lebih tinggi dalam kepekatan unsur daripada standard yang dinyatakan oleh Standard Kualiti Air Minum Nasional (NDWOS). Dalam kajian ini, hasil daripada analisis biologi menunjukkan bahawa jumlah Koliform dan E-Coli merupakan pencemaran yang tertinggi dimana kepekatan bagi Koliform adalah 28 MPN / 100 mL dalam telaga terbuka manakala 14 MPN / 100 mL bagi telaga tertutup. Bagi kepekatan E-Coli pula adalah 8.6 MPN / 100 mL dalam telaga terbuka manakala 0MPN / 100 mL dalam telaga tertutup. Kesimpulannya, kualiti air tanah terselamat daripada kepekatan logam berat tetapi telah tercemar dengan unsur Koliform dan E-Coli. Kualiti air bawah tanah adalah sama penting dengan kuantiti kegunaan air untuk pelbagai tujuan. Amoako J.

ABSTRACT

In Malaysia, groundwater is one of the sources of clean water, other than fresh river water and rain. Thus, this research had been done to determine the groundwater quality and also the effective type of well that can contribute to the good quality of groundwater. The parameters were considered such as PH, Electrical Conductivity, Turbidity, TDS, TSS, COD, BOD, manganese, iron, copper, zinc, lead, nitrate, total coliform and E.coli in this study. The water samples were collected from three different wells. The results were compared to the National Drinking Water Quality Standard (NDWQS) to know the class of the groundwater for each well. The result showed that the groundwater had been contaminated by the chromium with concentration of 1.59 mg/L which found in all wells. This result considered as relatively not in very high concentration even the concentration of element is higher than the standard stated by National Drinking Water Quality Standard (NDWOS). Meanwhile, for biological analysis result showed that total coliform and E.coli have highest contamination which was found in open wells with total coliform concentration 28 MPN/100 mL in opened well and 14 MPN/100 mL in closed well .E.coli concentration is 8.6 MPN/100 mL and 0MPN/100 mL in closed wells . As the conclusion, the groundwater quality was harmless from heavy metal concentration but highly contaminated with total coliform and E. coli. Quality of groundwater is equally important to its quantity owing to the suitability of water for various purposes.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Groundwater is considered to be one of the most important and indispensable sources of natural resources which are formed from rainwater and rivers. Water quality can be affected by environmental factors surrounding it. Malaysia has some water problems such as lack of rain in some seasons. Water quality is a term used to describe the chemical and biological properties of water and its general composition. These characteristics affect water quality and suitability for human use. (Gajendran, 2013). Groundwater quality comprises the physical, chemical, and biological qualities of ground water. Temperature, turbidity, color, taste, and odor make up the list of physical water quality parameters. Since most ground water is colorless, odorless, and without specific taste, we are typically most concerned with its chemical and biological qualities. Although spring water or groundwater products are often sold as “pure,” their water quality is different from that of pure water. Water is a chief natural resource essential for the existence of life and is a basic human entity. Water resources are harnessed for various purposes like drinking, agricultural, industrial, household, recreational, and environmental activities, etc. Groundwater is one of the major sources of drinking water all over the world (Jayaprakash, 2008).

Of the 37 Mkm³ of freshwater estimated to be present on the earth, about 22 % exists as groundwater, which constitutes about 97 % of all liquid freshwater potentially available for human use (Shar AH, 2010). There has been tremendous increase in the demand for fresh water due to over exploitation and growth in population. Since groundwater is a renewable natural resource and a valuable component of the ecosystem, it is vulnerable to natural and human impacts. It is estimated that approximately one-third of the world's population use groundwater for drinking and about one million people are directly dependent upon the groundwater resources in Asia alone (Oyeku OT, 2010).

Quality of groundwater is equally important to its quantity owing to the suitability of water for various purposes. , the chemistry of groundwater is not only related to the lithology of the area and the residence time the water is in contact with rock material, but also reflects inputs from the atmosphere, from soil and weathering as well as from pollutant sources such as mining, land clearance, saline intrusion, industrial and domestic wastes. Groundwater used for domestic and irrigation purposes can vary greatly in quality depending upon type and quantity of dissolved salts. It contains a wide variety of dissolved inorganic chemical constituents in various concentrations, resulting from chemical and biochemical interactions between water and the geological materials. Dissolved salts should be present in irrigation water in relatively small but significant amounts. They originate from dissolution or weathering of the rocks and soil, including dissolution of lime, gypsum and other slowly dissolved soil minerals. (Amoako J,2009)

Naturally, ground water contains mineral ions. These ions slowly dissolve from soil particles, sediments, and rocks as the water travels along mineral surfaces in theories or fractures of the unsaturated zone and the aquifer. They are referred to as dis-solved solids. Some dissolved solids may have originated in the precipitation water or river water that recharges the aquifer. (Rizwan, 2009)

1.2 Problem statement

Surface water is more than 98 of the water consumed in Malaysia. The water consumption in Malaysia will increase due to the increasing of the population. In addition, surface water may need special treatment, which can be affected by climatic conditions. Water is currently being treated as more of a commodity than a social good. This dissertation develops a scheme to better understand groundwater resources and reserves in a manner similar to the method used in determining oil and gas resources. The method of estimating groundwater resources and reserves is also used to establish a reasonable governance scheme.

Groundwater quality affects not only human health but also society and the national economy. It is used in agriculture, drinking water supply for humans and animals,

industry, and in many processes such as cooling and disposal of waste and industrial waste. It is also used in the production of energy and exploration for oil and heating purposes. Groundwater quality affects not only human health but also society and the national economy. It is used in agriculture, drinking water supply for humans and animals, industry, and in many processes such as cooling and disposal of waste and industrial waste. It is also used in the production of energy and exploration for oil and heating purposes. cooling and other miscellaneous uses. (Ramesh, 2012)

The technology and appropriate methods can treat the imbalances and help to provide water suitable for human use. Water pollution is very dangerous to the life of humans and organisms in general. We can know the validity of this water by detecting the chemical composition of this water.

1.3 Significance of Study

Groundwater is also very important as it supplies springs, and much of the water in our ponds, marshland, swamps, streams, rivers and bays. Although it is “out of sight,” it is critical that we learn about groundwater, how it is part of the water cycle, and the importance of protecting and maintaining the quality and quantity of this water resource. Future generations of human beings will be the most consumed by water resources, and this increasing consumption is causing their life-threatening decline to a distant perspective. If we consider that there are nations will be terminated because of the lack of water, we may emerge from our absence and work since this moment to act with great interest to meet the needs of human consumption of water in a guide to avoid the problems that will appear in the future because of this growing negligence (Ansari, 2013)

In another hand Students can benefit from the good practice of environmental engineering and experimentation in the laboratory. The area of study will benefit from this research by proposing solutions to treat the groundwater to be in high quality and a good source for drinking.

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