The Study of Impact of Tofu Industrial Waste Treatment Plant on Value of Chemical Oxygen Demand Level in Residents Well of Central Lamper Village, Semarang-Indonesia

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ABSTRACT

Background and Objective: The existence of a tofu waste treatment plant in residential areas and reports from the public about the unpleasant odor in several wells made residents worried about the impact of the intrusion of tofu waste treatment plant waste. This study aims to assess the impact of possible intrusion of waste from tofu waste treatment plants into residents’ wells.

Methods: This type of research is descriptive with a survey method. Samples from the research site were analyzed in the laboratory by the titration method based on the value of chemical oxygen demand, compared with Government Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia No. 82 Th. 2001 concerning water quality management and water pollution control.

Results: The results of the measurement of the chemical oxygen demand value of the Bajak river were 51.8 mg/L (starting point) and 238 mg/L (end point). The value of chemical oxygen demand in resident wells is as follows: resident well 1 of 12.2 mg/L, resident well 2 of 9.12 mg/L, resident well 3

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INTRODUCTION

The clean water is water that is used by humans and living things to meet the needs of daily life, namely as raw material for drinking water, for bathing, washing and latrine purposes, supporting modes of transportation, agricultural needs, industrial needs, and needs for recreation [1] [2]. Sources of clean water in shallow groundwater or wells needed by humans need to pay attention to the quantity of water to maintain the availability of clean water sources and maintain the quality of clean water sources from contaminants such as chemicals, pathogenic bacteria and radioactivity that can affect color, smell, and taste. Therefore, water quality must meet the requirements according to the parameters based on Government Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia Number 32 of 2017 [3].

The existence of industry in residential areas can produce waste that can affect the quality of groundwater used by the community so that the water quality does not qualify as clean water. Waste-producing industries that can pollute the environment and clean water [4] for example, are the tofu-making industry located in the residential area of Lamper Tengah Village, Semarang, Indonesia.

Resident well water can be polluted due to the intrusion of tofu industry waste into resident well water, causing water quality parameters to exceed the quality standard criteria as well as non-optimal waste treatment results can affect water quality, both shallow well water and river water so that the ecological burden becomes not balanced [5]. The initial survey of the tofu-making industrial liquid waste which has undergone processing at the Waste Treatment Plant at the outlet, is cloudy white in color and still smells bad, reduces environmental aesthetics and is worried that it can contaminate well water.

This study aims to study the impact of the tofu waste treatment installation on the quality of well water based on chemical oxygen demand (cod) value.

METHODS

This type of research is descriptive by using survey method and cross sectional approach [6]. The samples studied were resident well water with a total of 8 points of collection and 2 point samples of river water, sampling based on the category of distance from the tofu waste treatment plant, namely close distance, medium and far from the tofu waste treatment installation point.

The titration method used for the determination of chemical oxygen demand (cod) is oxidation-reduction titration using a solution of Ferro Ammonium Sulfate (FAS), after testing, the value of chemical oxygen demand (cod) was obtained from the titrimetric method of SNI 6989.73:2019 [7]. Data analysis using the comparative technique is to compare the chemical oxygen demand value of resident well water, chemical oxygen demand value of river water chemical oxygen demand value of tofu processing wastewater in accordance with Government Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia No. 82 Th. 2001 [8]. The sampling in this research was carried out at the following coordinates: (Fig. 1).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The tofu industry in the village of Lamper Tengah Semarang is a small industry produced by local residents. This industry has very limited capital with industry managers usually the head of the household or family members, because of its small scale, production activities can be carried out at home, therefore the industry is located in a residential area. The development of the tofu industry in that location has a positive impact on improving the economy of the community, but also has a negative impact on the surrounding environment due to the waste generated. This has brought special attention to the local government of the Semarang by providing an integrated tofu industrial waste processing installation facility. The waste treatment plant
was built in 2003 under the supervision of the Semarang Environment Service. It is necessary to study the effectiveness of the tahu industrial waste treatment plant in Lamper Tengah, Semarang because the waste treatment plant has been in operation for a long time and there are several sub-districts regarding the quality of wells that have an unpleasant odor, especially wells that are close to the location of the waste treatment plant [9].

The results of the tofu industrial production process produce liquid waste which is channeled through pipes to an integrated waste treatment plant [10]. Conditions along the banks of the Bajak river are residential areas that produce domestic waste that is dumped directly into drainage channels and rivers, this causes a high burden of pollution on the environment (Fig 2 and Fig 3). Residents who live around riverbanks and locations around the sewage treatment plant still use well water to meet their daily needs, including as a source of drinking water, so it is possible that well water can be polluted by domestic waste and intrusion from tofu waste treatment plants into the water resident wells [11]. Fig. 2 shows the environmental conditions around the banks of the Bajak river and Fig. 3 shows the conditions of the Bajak river as follows:

Table 1. Coordinates of sampling location

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Fig. 1. The Location of Sampling
An initial survey conducted on July 29, 2021, some residents living around the tofu industrial waste treatment plant stated that the well water belonging to some residents smelled bad, giving rise to the perception that the well water was contaminated with tofu waste liquid waste processing plant.

Based on the general description of the research location, a study of the impact of the Tofu industrial waste treatment plant on the value of the level of chemical oxygen needs in the residents’ well of Lamper Tengah Village, Semarang-Indonesia was carried out. Table 2 is the measurement results of Chemical oxygen demand at the inlet and outlet of the tofu waste treatment plant, as follows.

Fig. 4 shows the percentage of the ability of tofu waste processing installations in reducing COD concentrations, as follows.

Based on Table 2, the chemical oxygen demand (cod) value can be reduced with an average decrease of 12057%. (The average decrease from 1521.25 mg/lt to 61.97 mg/l ) with the average final result that meets the quality standard for waste treatment is an average of 61.97 mg/lt from the quality standard of 275 ml/lt. The effectiveness of the waste treatment plant performance based on data from January to October 2021 shows negative results, this shows the effectiveness of the waste water treatment plant from January to October 2021 is getting better (decreasing), with the modeling equation $y = -7,9389 x + 45,511$.

The processing waste from the tofu waste treatment plant is then channeled through a drainage channel to the Bajak river. The processing waste from the tofu waste treatment plant is then channeled through a drainage channel to the Bajak river. Table 2 is the data from the measurement of river water quality based on the chemical oxygen demand value at the sampling point before the waste disposal outlet and after disposal in the Bajak river, as follows.

Fig. 6 shows that the predictive value of chemical oxygen demand (cod) before the WWTP result sewer has a model equation value of $y = -0.0036 x + 250.54$ this indicates a decreasing trend in the COD value, while the predictive value of chemical oxygen demand (COD) after the WWTP result sewer shows the value of the modeling equation $y = 0.1366 x - 5885$ is the trend of increasing COD value.

Fig. 7 shows the average value of Chemical Oxygen Demand before the WWTP channel (46.86 mg/L) and after the WWTP channel (103.352 mg/L) the Bajak river flows.
The measurement data shows that the concentration of chemical oxygen demand (COD) in the Bajak river after the waste disposal point from the WWTP has a higher chemical oxygen demand (COD) concentration, this is due to the entry of domestic waste due to the activities of the surrounding community [13]. Fig. 7 shows the comparison of the average concentration of chemical oxygen demand (COD) values before the sampling point and after the sampling point, as follow:

**Fig. 4.** Degradation effectiveness of Tofu waste treatment plant (%)

**Fig. 5.** Tofu Waste Treatment Plant, Central Lamper Village, Semarang-Indonesia

**Fig. 6.** Data on COD values before and after the point of disposal of WWTP waste in the Bajak river
Table 2. The value of wastewater quality inspection at waste treatment plants with chemical oxygen demand (COD) value

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Quality Standard</th>
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<td>Inlet</td>
<td>COD</td>
<td>275 mg/L</td>
<td>2500 mg/L</td>
<td>1311 mg/L</td>
<td>1071,5 mg/L</td>
<td>1202,5 mg/L</td>
<td>1521,25 mg/L</td>
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<td>Outlet</td>
<td>COD</td>
<td>275 mg/L</td>
<td>53,06 mg/L</td>
<td>75,51 mg/L</td>
<td>60,87 mg/L</td>
<td>58,45 mg/L</td>
<td>61,97 mg/L</td>
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Table 3. Data of Bajak river water quality inspection based on COD value

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<td>COD</td>
<td>25 mg/L</td>
<td>44,03 mg/L</td>
<td>75,51 mg/L</td>
<td>19,97 mg/L</td>
<td>43,02 mg/L</td>
<td>51,8 mg/L</td>
<td>45,63 mg/L</td>
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<td>Sampling after the WWTP result sewer</td>
<td>COD</td>
<td>25 mg/L</td>
<td>54,03 mg/L</td>
<td>82,93 mg/L</td>
<td>71,78 mg/L</td>
<td>70,02 mg/L</td>
<td>238 mg/L</td>
<td>83,53 mg/L</td>
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Note: QS = Quality Standards

Fig. 7. The Average data of chemical oxygen demand (cod) value inspection results in Bajak river before and after waste water treatment plant
The modeling results show that the concentration of chemical oxygen demand (COD) after the sewer shows a positive trend with the modeling equation $y = 35,530 x + 5,157$ (the trend is getting worse based on the increase in the concentration of chemical oxygen demand), whereas before the sewer there is a negative trend with the equation $y = -1,695 x + 51,951$ (the trend is getting better/the chemical oxygen demand (COD) concentration is decreasing), but the chemical oxygen demand (COD) measurement results at each sampling point are above the quality standard determined based on the Attachment to the Government Regulation. 82 of 2001, the chemical parameter is the value of chemical oxygen demand with a quality standard of 25 mg/L. The condition of the Bajak river waters based on chemical oxygen demand (COD) value is in the bad category. This condition can lead to intrusion of polluted river water into resident wells. This is a special concern, because there are public complaints about the occurrence of unwanted odors in resident well water [14].

Sanitation is one part of urban water infrastructure that plays an important role. Good and bad sanitation will affect the quality of the environment, which directly or indirectly will have an impact on the quality of ground water and public health [15]. The existence of raw water as a source of clean water has an important role in improving the quality of life of people in an area [14]. Raw water that can be used as a source of clean water is surface water, rain water and ground water (shallow well water) [16]. The village of Lamper Tengah is one of the areas where the community still uses groundwater (shallow well water) as raw water for daily needs (bathing, washing and latrines). The sanitation system/disposal system for the residents' household waste is important in maintaining the quality of ground water because an improper waste disposal system will cause contamination of groundwater quality in this case the resident's shallow well water [17].

The results of measurements with chemical oxygen demand (COD) value in resident well water in the village of Lamper Tengah are shown in Table 4, as follows.

The results of observations on the construction of resident wells in the Lamper Tengah sub-district area adjacent to the tofu industrial waste treatment plant, as shown in Fig. 8, are as follows:

Fig. 8 shows the condition of the community wells observed during the study, as follows.

The results of observations based on the construction conditions of residents' wells, 8 resident wells are adjacent to the tofu industrial waste treatment plant, but the ones that are still used by residents are well no. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8, while wells no. 4, 6 and 7 are not used by residents because they smell bad. In this study, simulations were carried out on wells that are still used by residents. Fig. 9 shows a simulation of

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**Fig. 8. The community well conditions**

Noted: (1) Resident’s well no. 1. (2) Resident’s well no. 2. (3) Resident’s well no. 3. (4) Resident’s well no. 4. (5) Resident’s well no. 5. (6) Resident’s well no. 6. (7) Resident’s well no. 7 and (8) Resident’s well no. 8
### Table 4. The chemical oxygen demand (COD) value test results in resident's well water [18]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No</th>
<th>Sample</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Condition of resident wells</th>
<th>Category distance from WWTP</th>
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<td>Resident's Well 1</td>
<td>COD</td>
<td>12.2 mg/L</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Short Distance, 10 meter – 160 meter</td>
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<td>9.12 mg/L</td>
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<td>COD</td>
<td>3.05 mg/L</td>
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<td>Short Distance, 10 meter – 160 meter</td>
<td>4.5 mg/L</td>
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<td>COD</td>
<td>33.5 mg/L</td>
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<td>COD</td>
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<td>8</td>
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**Fig. 9.** Simulation of decreasing COD concentration in wells with fairly good conditions based on the distance from the tofu waste treatment plant.
decreasing chemical oxygen demand concentration in wells with fairly good conditions based on the distance from the tofu waste treatment plant.

Based on simulations and predictions, the farther the well is from the sewage treatment plant, the lower the concentration of chemical oxygen demand (COD) in the well water [19], based on the measurement of the water quality of residents’ wells with fairly good/moderate well construction conditions. By modeling $y = -1.1866x + 10.63$, Chemical oxygen demand (COD) concentrations in resident wells, 3, 5 and 8 showed COD concentrations below the quality standard (4 ppm), in the moderate category (good enough) 161 m – 270 m from the distance from the sewage treatment plant. Fig. 1 shows that the farther from the tofu pulp processing plant, the brighter the color of the COD distribution, according to the modeling equation with a negative value of $y = -1.1866x -10.63$, this indicates that the chemical oxygen demand (COD) concentration is getting smaller. The modeling does not involve the measurement results of well water for residents 4, 6 and 7 because it has poor construction conditions and based on residents’ information that the well has an unpleasant odor [20].

4. CONCLUSIONS

The effectiveness of the tofu industrial waste treatment installation is able to degrade waste for chemical oxygen demand (COD) value to reach 61.97 mg/L, which is below the quality standard of -275 mg/L. The entry of domestic waste from community activities causes the waste processed by the WWTP to have a high chemical oxygen demand (COD) concentration load when it reaches the water body of the pirate river.

The chemical oxygen demand (COD) concentration in resident wells based on the category of distance from the tofu industrial waste processing installation shows that the farther the COD concentration is getting smaller, in some resident wells an unpleasant odor smells this occurs in wells that have poor construction, this is presumably due to the occurrence of waste flow instructions from WWTPs and instructions for domestic waste from community activities to residents’ wells.

DISCLAIMER

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DATA AVAILABILITY

All relevant data has been recorded with supporting file information. This research will help researchers to uncover critical areas related, especially in the study of the impact of tofu industrial waste treatment plants on value of chemical oxygen demand levels in the wells of the Villagers of Central Lamper, Semarang-Indonesia

CONSENT

The research was carried out in accordance with research standards that apply in the Republic of Indonesia, written consent has been collected and kept by the author.

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