

STUDI RADIOAKTIVITAS PADALUMPUR KALI CIKAPUNDUNG

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ABSTRAK

STUDI RADIOAKTIVITAS PADA LUMPUR KALI CIKAPUNDUNG. Lingkungan perlu diawasi akibat polutan yang telah dilepaskan ke dalamnya. Pada percobaan ini dilakukan pengukuran radioaktivitas lumpur Kali Cikapundung. Contoh lumpur Kali Cikapundung diambil pada jarak 100 m di sebelah hulu dan hilir yang diukur dari titik pelepasan air buangan terkontaminasi radioaktif rendah yang mengandung radioisotop I-131 dari Pusat Penelitian Teknik Nuklir (PPTN). Contoh lumpur diolah melalui penguapan. Sebelum diuapkan terlebih dahulu contoh lumpur diberi larutan perak nitrat agar radioisotop I-131 tidak teruapkan. Pengukuran radioaktivitas pada lumpur dilakukan dengan metode Gross Beta menggunakan alat cacaah Geiger-Mueller yang dikalibrasi radioisotop K-40 alam.

Dari hasil percobaan ternyata bahwa radioaktivitas lumpur di sebelah hulu dan hilir relatif sama, serta pengukuran perlu dicoba dilakukan dengan alat cacaah berlatar belakang rendah.

ABSTRACT

RADIOACTIVITY STUDY ON CIKAPUNDUNG RIVER MUD. Environment has to be controlled against the intrusion of pollutants. In the present study radioactivity of mud in Cikapundung river has been measured. Samples of mud from the river were collected along a distance of 100 meters down and up stream from the point of discharge of nitrate solution the low activity wastes containing radioisotope I-131 from Research Centre for Nuclear Techniques (PPTN). Samples of mud were processed by evaporation. Before evaporation, the silver was added to the samples to avoid evaporation of the I-131 isotope. Radioactivities were measured by Gross Beta Method using a Geiger-Mueller counter calibrated with natural K-40. The results showed that the activities of the mud both down and up stream are not significant.

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