

**Rate Of Radiation Recorded By Opposition Inaccurate - Ongkili
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Datuk Seri Maximus Ongkili said the high level of radiation recorded by the opposition around the site of the former Asian Rare Earth (ARE) factory in Bukit Merah and the radioactive waste disposal site in Bukit Kledang in Perak is not accurate.

He said the rate recorded by the 'Save Malaysia Stop Lynas' (SMSL) group during its visit to the site was obtained based on the reading of the Malaysian background and not the background reading of the site.

"The reading of 0.19 microseivert/hour at the former factory site at Bukit Merah and 0.2 at the waste disposal plant in Bukit Kledang will appear much higher if compared to the Malaysian background of 0.05 microseivert/hour.

"On the other hand we should make the comparison with the background reading at the location which is between 0.2 - 0.75 microseivert/hour, the reading is actually zero," he said when winding up the debate on the safety of residents around the Asian Rare Earth (ARE) factory site in Bukit Merah at Dewan Rakyat Thursday.

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