

## Red Butte Canyon Spill Unified Command

### MEDIA UPDATE #3

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### Oil Recovery Efforts Continue, Pipeline Test Successful

- Round the clock efforts to recover residue oil from the Red Butte Canyon spill continue following a flush of the spill location.
- Water was released from the Red Butte Reservoir to increase the creek's flow rate and water level at 3 pm on June 19 for approximately 90 minutes.
- Crews have recovered approximately 600 barrels of the 800 barrels of oil spilled, with 100 barrels estimated to have evaporated.
- Increasing the creek's flow rate and water level assisted in mobilizing residue oil currently on the banks of the creek and in the culverts downstream to be captured by the booms, and collected by vacuum trucks and absorbent materials.
- Air monitoring of the site continues to be conducted.

### Pipeline Test and Start Up

- Chevron successfully concluded a pressure test of a 13.75-mile section of pipeline on June 20.
- The pressure test and start up plan was approved by the Unified Command in concurrence with the Department of Transportation.
- As an additional safety factor the pipe was pressurized to 300 psi, well above the 60 psi of normal operating pressure.
- Following the pressure test, pipeline operations will resume on June 21.
- Trained personnel are monitoring the pipeline with ground and aerial observations.

*Red Butte Canyon Spill Unified Command is made up of the following organizations: Chevron, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake Valley Health Department and Salt Lake City.*

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