

# **Red Butte Canyon Spill Unified Command**

## **MEDIA UPDATE #2**

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### **Unified Command Approves Test of Pipeline**

#### **Pipeline Pressure Test**

Chevron, in conjunction with the Red Butte Creek Spill Unified Command, voluntarily agreed to an additional measure of safety and has begun testing 13.75-miles of pipeline today to confirm it is safe to return to operation. The test will take place through Sunday night and will include filling the pipeline with water colored with environmentally-friendly dye. The pipe will be pressurized to 300 psi for four hours, exceeding the 60 psi of normal operating pressure. Trained personnel will monitor the pipeline for any leaks and be prepared to respond if any are detected. This monitoring will be done with ground and aerial observations.

The pipeline crosses City Creek, Red Butte Creek and Emigration Creek. Citizens are asked to contact Chevron at (866) 752-6340 or [slcspill@chevron.com](mailto:slcspill@chevron.com) if they see any greenish-yellow dye over the next two days.

#### **Pipeline Startup**

If the pressure test is successful, Chevron will resume normal pipeline operations. This process will include moving the pressure test dyed water through the pipeline to Chevron's Salt Lake Refinery for recovery, treatment and proper disposal. Startup of the pipeline should be completed after a successful pipeline pressure test.

The Unified Command has consulted with technical experts and concurs with the Department of Transportation, which regulates the pipeline operations, and has approved the filling and testing plan.

*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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