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Cynthia L. Quarterman
Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
East Building, 2nd Floor
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20950

Dear Ms. Quarterman,

Because the mission of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is to protect people and the environment from the risks inherent in transportation of hazardous materials – by pipeline and other modes of transportation we are writing this letter to you.

At approximately 11:22 p.m. last evening, we were advised by Chevron that a oil leak had occurred in their pipeline at approximately 2200 East Red Butte Canyon Road.

Current estimates from Chevron are that approximately 100 barrels of oil were released. It does appear at this time that the spill has been contained, but containment and clean-up operations are underway.

As you know, another oil spill occurred on this pipeline on June 12, 2010 only 500 feet from last evening's leak.

Many miles of this pipeline run through Salt Lake City, its watershed and through populated areas. Other parts run above populated areas, with gravity potentially putting them at risk.

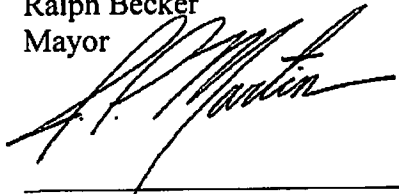
The danger to our community of yet another leak is too serious to ignore.

We therefore request that PHMSA take two actions. First, PHMSA should immediately begin an investigation into the safety of the section of pipeline running through Salt Lake City. Second, until this independent study has been completed, and all potential safety concerns addressed, PHMSA should not allow Chevron to refill the pipeline.

Sincerely,



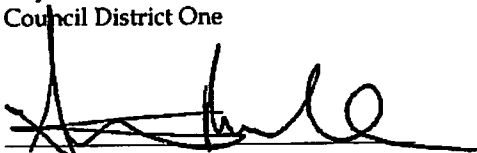
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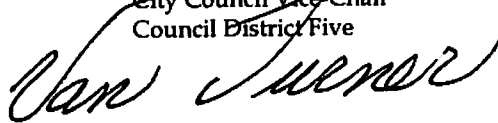
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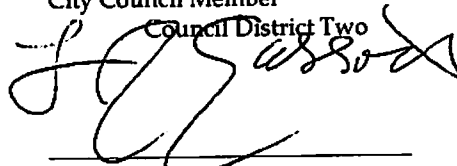
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