



June 13, 2010

Dear Residents:

Salt Lake City Fire, Salt Lake City Police, Unified Fire, Metro Fire, West Valley City Fire, South Salt Lake Fire, Midvale Fire and Chevron crews have been working since early morning Saturday, June 12, to stop and contain a severe oil leak discovered in Red Butte Canyon. The number of barrels of oil released is estimated at 400-500. The product has been contained at the source.

Drinking water has not been affected.

Residents are advised to stay away from Red Butte Canyon and Liberty Park so crews can adequately manage the spill. All water access points along Red Butte Creek, Liberty Park and the Jordan River should be avoided by people and animals at this time.

- Chevron has activated its 24-hour claims number, (866) 752-6340, to file claims and answer questions.
- Residents should be concerned about strong odors in their homes and closed environments with no airflow, especially in regard to elderly people or shut-ins. Residents should only call 911 if they are exhibiting symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, nausea, dizziness, and severe headaches. In such cases, Chevron advises individuals to leave the area and if necessary obtain alternate accommodations. Such persons are welcome to file a claim for reimbursement with Chevron by calling (866) 752-6340.
- Crude oil is an irritant. Avoid contact. However, if contact occurs, wash with soap and water. Residents who believe they are suffering from symptoms of exposure should contact a healthcare professional.
- Residents are instructed to contact their local veterinarian if personal pets have been exposed to oil. Salt Lake County Animal Services (801-743-7045) is coordinating with the veterinary community on treatment protocols. While common dishwashing soap can be used to clean pets, the zoo advises pet owners to call their veterinarian for specific treatment and cleaning recommendations.

- Utah Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is the lead agency for wildlife rescue. Residents are not to handle any wildlife. They should call DWR dispatch at 801-887-3800 to report wildlife that appear to be exposed to oil.
- The public may register questions, comments or concerns regarding the Chevron oil spill with the City in three ways:
 1. Call the Salt Lake City Joint Information Center at (801) 535-7171.(Hours: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday, June 13; 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday, June 14)
 2. Email oil@slcgov.com
 3. Complete online form at www.slcgov.com
- Every attempt will be made to answer questions or refer inquiries to the appropriate party in a timely fashion.

I will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting with City Council members, Chevron representatives and other officials on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at Clayton Middle School, 1470 South 1900 East. I hope you will join me as we talk about our response efforts and address your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ralph Becker".

Ralph Becker
Mayor