



## Notice to the community

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### **May 7, 2020: Update on activities around our Commerce City Refinery**

Earlier today, May 7, Suncor observed a sheen on Sand Creek near our Commerce City Refinery. Upon identifying the sheen through our standard inspection protocols, we immediately deployed our emergency response and environmental teams to contain the material, including installing booms and sand bags.

Our top priorities are ensuring the safety of our team and the community, and protecting the environment. We are taking this situation seriously and have notified the appropriate authorities.

No wildlife have been observed in the immediate area at this time.

We will provide updates as more information becomes available. If you have questions or concerns please contact [commercecityrefinery@suncor.com](mailto:commercecityrefinery@suncor.com).

Thank you,  
Suncor Energy (U.S.A.) Inc.

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### **May 14, 2020: Update on activities around our Commerce City Refinery**

Last Thursday (May 7), Suncor observed a sheen on a section of Sand Creek near our Commerce City Refinery. Upon identifying the sheen through our routine checks of the creek, we immediately deployed our emergency response and environmental teams to contain the material, including installing booms and sand bags.

Since that time, we have been working in the area to ensure containment, identify the material and understand the source. This includes regular checks of Sand Creek along the Suncor property, collecting water and soil samples, evaluating surface water and groundwater flows, and conducting air monitoring. To date, no additional sheen has been observed in other parts of the creek along our property.

No wildlife have been observed in the immediate area at this time and we have taken steps to prevent wildlife from entering the work area.

Conditions in Sand Creek are dynamic and fluctuate with changing weather conditions. With rain in the forecast, Suncor is taking additional steps to prepare for changes in creek flow and water levels to protect the containment area.

We continue to take this situation seriously and are working with the appropriate regulatory agencies as we continue to investigate. Our top priorities are ensuring the safety of our team and the community, and protecting the environment.

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### **May 27, 2020: Update on activities around our Commerce City Refinery**



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Suncor is continuing its investigation of a sheen observed on May 7 at a section of Sand Creek near our Commerce City Refinery. Since discovering the sheen, we have taken a number of steps to ensure containment, identify the material and understand the potential source.

The significant rain on Sunday, May 24 created higher water levels and increased flow in Sand Creek, and as a result, water breached the containment area. While we were taking additional steps to bolster the containment area prior to the heavy rain, rapidly changing conditions made it unsafe to continue the work. We are monitoring conditions at Sand Creek and we will make any necessary repairs to the containment area when it is safe to do so.

In response to the containment area being breached, we obtained surface water samples from Sand Creek and from the South Platte River. Suncor initially analyzed these samples for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene and methyl tertiary butyl ether. Results indicate concentrations of these compounds did not exceed Colorado surface water standards. We have provided samples to a third-party laboratory for further testing and are awaiting results.

To date, air monitoring readings from the immediate area and nearby, including the Sand Creek Greenway bike path, are below Occupational Safety and Health Administration's permissible exposure levels.

We continue to take this situation seriously and are working with the appropriate regulatory agencies as we continue to investigate. We will share new information as it becomes available.

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### **June 23, 2020: Update on Sand Creek activities**

On May 7, Suncor personnel observed a sheen in a section of Sand Creek near our Commerce City Refinery. Since that time we have been working in the area to ensure containment and we initiated an investigation. Our investigation shows the sheen material is an aged diesel fuel (or fuel oil) that appears to be isolated in an area along the south side of Sand Creek where the original sheen was observed.

Later this week, we will start the following activities to mitigate impacts to this portion of the creek:

- a minor diversion of Sand Creek and further containment of the area
- partial dewatering of the containment area, as needed
- removing impacted soil and sediment
- backfilling the impacted area
- restoring the area to its original condition

We are working with the appropriate regulatory agencies and are keeping them updated on the situation.

We expect this work to continue through to the end of July and we will notify the community once the work is complete.

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