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Salt Lake City Calls for Public Closure of Jordan River to Continue Oil Collection Efforts
River Closed to Public Use from 1700 South to 500 North

SALT LAKE CITY – At the request of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County today issued the closure of Jordan River while ongoing oil collection and assessments continue. Effective immediately, the Jordan River will be closed for public use from 1700 South to 500 North until further notice. Closure of the river will provide protection to residents from any contaminants in the water and support cleanup activities at the site.

“We are appreciative of the County’s collaboration in closing the Jordan River for public use as Chevron’s oil collection work continues,” said Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker. “We take seriously our commitment to residents of Salt Lake City to see that our City’s unique riparian corridor is restored to its original state.”

Chevron officials today confirmed 500 barrels of crude oil – equaling 21,000 gallons– has been received into the refinery from the company’s vacuum trucks during this clean-up phase of the oil spill in Salt Lake City waterways. The company continues to update the City regularly on its cleanup efforts. Cost estimates due to damages of public and private property remain undetermined.

The US Department of Transportation continues with its investigation of causes of the quarter-size damage to the Chevron pipeline and the Environmental Protection Agency remains actively engaged in overseeing the cleanup activities.

Further information can be found at www.slcgov.com and questions can be emailed to oil@slcgov.com or residents can call 801-535-7171.