



# Oil and Gas Update

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November 4, 2024

# Current Applications

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- There are no current Oil and Gas applications.



# October 22, 2024

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- The Commerce City – North Denver Environmental Justice Collaborative met on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center.
- At the meeting, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the EPA, and CDPHE discussed their investigations into Suncor violating its water permit multiple times between 2020 and 2024.
- Oil spills into Sand Creek occurred and needed clean-up in 2020 and 2021.
- Suncor’s Facility Response Plan (FRP) currently does not address key emergency response information for dealing with spills.
- They need additional secondary containment in over half of their storage tank areas to prevent spills.
- The organizations are exploring enforcement methods and are discussing the violations with Suncor to ensure they create solutions to follow federal state water laws.
- The DOJ and EPA asked the community for recommendations on enforcement actions.



# Environmental Exceedance Report

## Reporting from August 15-September 15

| Start Date | End Date | Unit  | Pollutant | Permit Term  | Max. Reported Value | Total Exceedance |
|------------|----------|---|-----------|--|---------------------|------------------|
| 29-Aug     | 29-Aug   | Sulfur Recovery Unit and Tail Gas Unit Incinerator (H-25) | SO2       | 15.68 lb/hr  | 16.86 lb/hr         | 1.18 lb/hr       |
| 31-Aug     | 31-Aug   | Wastewater Treatment Plant, Outfall 020A                  | sulfate   | 250 mg/L   | 251 mg/L            | 1 mg/L           |
| 12-Sep     | 12-Sep   | Unit 41   | VOCs      | An Open Ended Line (OEL) was observed at the Plant 1 Catalytic Polymerization Unit. The OEL was immediately closed with a ½ inch plug. Air monitoring for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) was performed before plugging the line and after plugging the line. The measured VOC concentrations <b>did not exceed the LDAR leak threshold of greater than 500 ppm.</b> |                     |                  |

**Aug 31: Permit Term or Condition for sulfate:** Colorado Discharge Permit CO0001147 requires a 30-day average limitation for Sulfate of 250 mg/L from Outfall 020





**Thank you. Questions?**

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