

## Suncor Energy provides information on waste water charges

**Calgary, Alberta (March 11, 2009)** – In early 2008, Suncor and two other companies were charged in relation to the operation of residential waste water treatment plants at the Millennium and Borealis lodges.

Alberta Environment alleges the subcontractor, who operated the two treatment facilities from 2005 to 2007, reported misleading or incorrect information and that waste water discharges from the facilities at times exceeded the discharge water quality limits in Suncor's environmental operating approval.

The subcontractor recently appeared in court in Fort McMurray to address the charges. Although Suncor was not directly involved in the operation of the wastewater plant or the camp facilities, we were also charged as owner of the camp.

We're very concerned about these charges. We work hard to be a responsible company and we recognize the importance our employees and stakeholders place on the health of the Athabasca River.

Suncor learned of potential issues in 2007 and has cooperated fully in the subsequent investigation. Suncor has also worked with Compass, the company that operates the lodges, to ensure appropriate actions were taken. Compass dismissed the individual who managed the plant operations and engaged a new subcontractor to manage the two treatment plants. Stakeholders were informed of the issue and Suncor took steps to ensure there was no negative impact to Athabasca River water quality.

We are confident that river water quality was not affected, and we've taken action to ensure we are operating the plants in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

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