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Dear Ms. Shelvey:

This letter is to advise you that investigators with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) are following up in response to an incident that was reported to the AER on August 7, 2015, relating to the discovery of migratory birds that may have contacted bitumen and perished at a site controlled by Syncrude Canada Ltd. located at 14-21-092-11W4M and 03-28-092-11W4M near Fort McMurray, Alberta and historically referred to as the 691 Pumphouse Sump.

This incident may be a contravention of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* including section 155.

Syncrude should take all necessary steps to ensure it is in compliance with any applicable provincial enactments and any compliance and mitigation measures required by the AER for these occurrences. Enforcement action may be taken without further notice.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Best Regards,

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