



About the Commerce City Refinery

The RTD N Line's Skyway Bridge will take riders by the state's only fuels refinery, operated by Suncor.

Suncor is an integrated energy company with deep roots in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region. Suncor is committed to reducing its environmental impact, focused on providing safe and reliable operations, and dedicated to supporting the local community.

Suncor's Commerce City refinery is one of the largest in the Rocky Mountain region, employing more than 400 people and supporting around 5,000 jobs indirectly. The refinery is a major supplier of gasoline and diesel fuel for Colorado and provides jet fuel used at Denver International Airport. It is the primary producer of paving-grade asphalt for Colorado's roads. Suncor also is a major supplier of fuel to the state's Western Slope, and supplies fuel throughout Colorado via pipeline, rail and truck. Much of the crude oil used for feedstock at the refinery is sourced locally from Colorado suppliers.



We place safety above all else at the Commerce City refinery, which typically operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Some activities that N Line riders may see as part of normal, day-to-day operations at the facility include:

Flaring. The flames that are sometimes visible at the top of the refinery's flare stacks are an important safety device that is regulated as part of the refining process. Simply put, flaring relieves pressure. Flaring occurs when pressure from the refinery's operations builds up and needs to be safely released, including during weather-related events, maintenance or operational changes. There are also relief valves throughout the refinery that open and vent into the flare system if the pressure becomes too high, to ensure that safety is maintained.

Steam. Heat generated in the refining process dissipates via non-direct contact with water that is circulated in cooling towers. In this process, some water evaporates in the form of steam clouds. Steam is also used to heat equipment and is vented from our boiler systems.

Live fire training. As part of our safety and emergency preparedness training, Suncor's Emergency Response Team conducts live fire training each year. This training happens at our onsite fire training grounds and typically produces large flames and thick smoke. Suncor will notify stakeholders, regulators and the community in advance of each training event.

Increased maintenance activity. Projects to maintain safe and environmentally sound operations at the refinery are ongoing. It is normal to see cranes, scaffolding and individuals working at height throughout the refinery. Every two to three years, Suncor will shut down portions of the refinery to conduct work that can only be executed while offline. These events, called a Turnaround, take two to three years to plan and can bring hundreds of additional employees on site. Although this work can result in an increase in flaring, noise and traffic, we take precautions to keep these disruptions to a minimum.

In addition to the Commerce City refinery, Suncor's U.S. operations include crude trading, logistics and pipelines, and wholesale and retail operations. Through its community investment efforts, Suncor supports more than 50 local non-profit organizations and initiatives, including the Suncor Boys & Girls Club in Commerce City, the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership and Mile High United Way.

For more information about Suncor and its operations, go to www.suncor.com.