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FLOOD BRIEFING MEDIA ADVISORY

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MSD will hold a briefing on the flooding situation today

What: Flooding Event Press Conference

When: Tuesday, February 27, 2 p.m.

Where: Rowan Street at 12 Street, river side of the floodwall

Who: MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott

Mr. Parrott will provide an update regarding the performance of our flood protection system and staff. He will take questions.

Visual Media Opportunity — drainage clearing

MSD crews are currently cleaning a large amount of debris from the stormwater/drainage system on Old Mitchell Hill Road in the Fairdale area. They will be there till 6 PM today.

11706 Old Mitchell Hill Road

Background

MSD maintains Louisville Metro's Ohio River Flood Protection System—keeping the river at bay and out of the city.

The system protects more than 200,000 people, 87,000 homes and \$24 billion in property throughout 110 square miles of Louisville Metro. It includes 29 miles of floodwall and earthen levee, 16 flood pumping stations, nearly 150 floodgates and 80 floodwall closures.

Where creeks and storm drains pass through the floodwall, gates can be closed to keep the river from flowing up the streams, and large pumps at the flood pumping stations are used to lift the water from the creeks into the river. Additional gates and pumping stations keep the river from backing up through storm drains, and pump the stormwater into the river.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built the system after the city's two highest floods of record in 1937 and 1945. MSD has been responsible for the Flood Protection System since 1987.



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About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 600 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.