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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **All sixteen MSD Flood Pump stations in active service**

### ***Media invited to Beargrass Flood Pumping Station***

LOUISVILLE, KY– Currently, MSD has all 16 of its flood pumping stations in active service. MSD Flood Protection staff work year-round to maintain these pumping stations, 79 floodwall closures, 150 underground floodgates, and 26.1 miles of floodwall and earthen levee. Twelve MSD flood pump stations are more than 70 years old and were built when Louisville had much less impervious surface.

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 lift the water from the creeks and pump it into the river.

Projections show the Ohio River in Louisville will crest early **on April 9** at 35.6 feet on the upper gauge and 67.9 feet on the lower gauge. Both are considered “Moderate Flood” stage as determined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Normal pool on the upper gauge is 12 feet. The low stage on the lower gauge is 9 feet.

MSD has four floodwall closures in place—2nd, 10th, and 27th streets, Bingham Way in downtown Louisville, and Port Road in Riverport. Current river level projections will not require any additional closures.

MSD has been responsible for Louisville Metro’s Ohio River Flood Protection System since 1987. The system protects more than 200,000 people, 87,000 homes, and \$24 billion in property throughout 110 square miles of Louisville Metro. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built the system after the city’s two highest floods of record in 1937 and 1945.

### **MEDIA VISUAL OPPORTUNITY**

Media are invited to visit MSD’s Beargrass Flood Pumping Station, located at the corner of Brownsboro Road and Story Avenue. It has six 3,000 horsepower pumps, one 2,500 horse power pump, and one 600 horsepower pump. The total stormwater pumping capacity at this facility is approximately 2,450,000 gallons per minute, which is 3.5 billion gallons per day.

**WHAT:** MSD’s Beargrass Flood Pump Station, which straddles Beargrass Creek near the confluence with the Ohio River

**WHEN:** Media Opportunity, Monday, April 7, 10 AM

**WHERE:** 1731 Brownsboro Road, behind Karen Lynch Park

**WHO:** Dane Anderson, MSD Operations Director-Flood Protection

**MORE:** See one of MSD's largest flood pump stations in action  
**WEAR CLOSED-TOE SHOES**

**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 nearly 740 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro, and wastewater service in portions of Bullitt and Oldham counties. 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.