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MSD's protection of regional waterways earns national clean water awards

Cedar Creek Water Quality Treatment Center awarded for 16-year streak

LOUISVILLE, KY – Nine of MSD's water quality treatment centers in Bullitt, Jefferson, and Oldham Counties are recognized by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) as among the best in the nation for treating and cleaning wastewater before releasing it to area creeks, streams, and rivers.

The award recognizes the continued outstanding operation of wastewater treatment facilities, which completely and consistently meet permit compliance—as regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Kentucky Division of Water—while protecting the environment and the water quality of our creeks, streams, and rivers.

Operators at MSD's Cedar Creek Water Quality Treatment Center earned a Platinum* 16 Award for complete and consistent permit compliance—with zero violations—for 16 consecutive years.

“The achievement of this award is challenging to obtain,” said MSD Deputy Chief of Operations Daymond Talley. “It is a tribute to the resolve of all the MSD wastewater treatment team members who take the mission of protecting local waterways to heart, going above and beyond to maintain and operate these facilities in an excellent manner.”

MSD facilities receiving NACWA Peak Performance Awards:

Platinum Award, complete and consistent permit compliance with zero violations

- **Cedar Creek Water Quality Treatment Center (WQTC)**, located along Cedar Creek south of I-265, with a capacity to treat 7.5 million gallons of wastewater a daily, won a Platinum 16 Award as recognition of consistently meeting permit 16 years in a row

Gold Award, complete and consistent permit compliance with zero violations

- **Big Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Bullitt County

- ❑ **Derek R. Guthrie Water Quality Treatment Center**, Jefferson County
- ❑ **Hite Creek Water Quality Treatment Center**, Jefferson County
- ❑ **Mockingbird Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Oldham County
- ❑ **Pioneer Village Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Bullitt County

Silver Award, permit compliance with no more than five violations

- ❑ **Floyds Fork Water Quality Treatment Center**, Jefferson County
- ❑ **Kentucky State Reformatory Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Oldham County
- ❑ **Ohio River Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Oldham County
- ❑ **Lockwood Estates Treatment Plant**, Oldham County

**Wastewater treatment facility must achieve Gold Award status for 5 years in a row to become Platinum.
Cedar Creek WQTC has been violation free for 21 years.*

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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 750 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.