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MSD to install additional floodwall closures as Ohio River level projections rise

Louisville, KY— MSD will install three additional roadway floodwall closures **on Friday, April 4**. The closures will be at openings in the floodwall across Second Street, Bingham Way in downtown Louisville, and Port Road in Riverport. Closures at 10th and 27th streets were closed earlier today.

These openings are typically where cars and pedestrians can pass. Crews will take several hours to install and assemble the closures at Bingham Way and Port Road. The closure across Second Street is a swing gate that requires no assembly and closes quickly. They will begin that process at 7 AM.

Floodwall closures keep the Ohio River at bay and prevent it from backing onto roadways and property. Projections now show the river will crest **on April 7** at 33.7 feet on the upper gauge and 65.6 feet on the lower gauge. Both projected levels are in Moderate Flood Mode. The regular pool on the upper gauge is 12 feet and the low stage on the lower is 9 feet.

MSD expects to have all 16 of its flood pumping stations in service **by Sunday, April 6**.

The flood protection system, which MSD oversees, includes:

- 26.1 miles of floodwall and earthen levee
- 16 flood pumping stations
- 150 floodgates (closures on storm drain pipes)
- 80 floodwall roadway 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 lift the water from the creeks and pump it into the river.

MSD maintains Louisville Metro's Ohio River Flood Protection System. The system protects more than 200,000 people, 87,000 homes, and \$24 billion in property throughout 110 square miles of Louisville Metro.

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.