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UPDATE **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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MSD Ohio River Flood Protection System in full service

LOUISVILLE, KY– MSD has all of its 16 flood pumping stations in service. MSD Flood Protection staff work year-round to maintain these flood pumping stations, 150 floodgates and 29-miles of floodwall and earthen levee. Nine MSD pump stations are 70 years old and were built when Louisville had much less impervious surface.

Projections show the river will crest early next week at 34.9 feet on the upper gauge and 66.2 feet on the lower gauge. Normal pool on the upper gauge is 12 feet. Low stage on the lower is 9 feet.

MEDIA VISUAL OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, February 24, media are invited to visit MSD's Pond Creek Flood Pumping Station. This is the largest flood pumping station in the MSD Flood Protection System. It has four 4,700 horsepower pumps. The facility has the ability to pump 2,650,000,000 gallons of stormwater per day, that is 1.8 million gallons per minute. (Please wear closed-toe shoes.)

MSD Pond Creek Flood Pumping Station

7805 Stites Station Road
West Point, Kentucky

More flood wall roadway closures

MSD Crews will install floodwall closures at Second Street, and Bingham Way Saturday at 7 AM, February 24. The Second Street closure — located next to the KFC YUM! Center — is the only “swing gate” in the system and is an easy/quick installation. Installation of closures at 10th and 27th streets will be complete today.

Customers can report any roadway flooding issues or sewer backups into homes 24/7/365.

From midnight through 11 a.m. today, MSD has received 317 calls to the Customer Service center, most related to sewer backups and drainage and catch basin issues.

MSD Customer Relations
502-587-0603
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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.

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