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In August 2005, the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) entered into a consent decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Kentucky State Division of Water (DOW). The purpose of the consent decree is to address both combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) in Louisville Metro.

Over the next eighteen years, MSD will construct approximately \$800 million in capital sewer improvement projects that will:

- Minimize and treat combined sewer overflows
- Eliminate sanitary sewer overflows, and/
- Rehabilitate the community's aging sewer system.

Almost 500 miles of Louisville Metro's 3,200 miles of sewer is now over 100 years old. As projects are designed and constructed, the EPA and DOW are requiring MSD to place public notification signs along streams that are affected by combined and sanitary sewer overflows. These streams include, but are not limited to:

- Ohio River, from Beargrass Creek to McAlpine Locks
- Beargrass Creek, along the Muddy, Middle and South Fork tributaries, and
- All other waterways downstream of wet weather sanitary sewer overflows.

The signs are intended to warn and educate the public by providing the following information:

- Warning to refrain from water contact during and after rainstorms;
 - Location of combined/sanitary sewer overflows; and
 - Notification information should an overflow occur.
- (See attached copy)

The signs are one requirement of the Public Notification/Education section of the Consent Decree. Other requirements will include:

Television scroll announcements;
Radio messages;
News releases;
E-mail notifications;
Door hangers/mailings; and
Advertisements.

MSD workers started placing the signs during the week of September 11.

WARNING

ADVERTENCIA

DURING AND AFTER RAIN EVENTS

The surface water in this area contains runoff contaminants and is subject to sewage overflows. Avoid contact with water, due to increased health risks, during these times. For more information, visit our website or call the telephone number below.



DURANTE Y DESPUES DE LLUVIA

El agua en esta área contiene contaminantes recogidos por la lluvia en el suelo y las calles, y está sujeto a desbordamientos de las alcantarillas sanitarias. Evite contacto con el agua durante y después de la lluvia debido a riesgos de salud. Para más información, visite nuestra página del internet o llame al teléfono que aparece a continuación.

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