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Dear Louisville Metro Resident:

Throughout MSD's service area, there are hundreds of points where a combination of wastewater and rainwater may discharge onto streets and into local waterways when it rains. These sewer overflow locations act as a relief valve when the sanitary system becomes overwhelmed with rainwater.

You have received this letter because you live near Beargrass Creek, the Ohio River or one of their tributaries. Because of this, you are more likely to come in contact with polluted water from one of these overflows. As MSD continues its work to reduce sewer overflows, we must caution you to stay out of these waterways during — and for 48-hours after — a rain event.

MSD's Project WIN (Waterway Improvements Now) defines a plan to rehabilitate our aging sewer system and reduce the number of overflows into our local waterways during rain events by 98 percent in a typical rainfall year. We are moving closer to that goal by constructing more storage to lessen sewer overflows.

- The 17 million-gallon Logan Street Basin, in Smoketown, was completed in December 2017 — protecting Beargrass Creek and the neighborhood from overflows.
- In Shawnee Park, we are constructing an underground storage basin that will capture up to 20 million gallons of untreated wastewater and prevent it from flowing into the Ohio River.
- In Portland, green infrastructure is preventing more than 35 million gallons of rainwater from entering the combined sewer system, keeping overflows out of the Ohio River.
- The 2.5-mile Waterway Protection Tunnel — under Louisville's downtown and Butchertown area — is an innovative approach to help capture and treat combined sewer overflows. The project is under construction with boring beginning in October 2018, and a completion date of December 31, 2020.

These and other MSD projects will greatly reduce the incidence of sewer overflows, but you should still guard against polluted waters. The enclosed flyer provides easy steps that you can take to protect your health and safety should you come in contact with sewage-polluted water. It is important to keep children and pets out of these waterways during and following a rain event.

MSD seeks to be a good steward of our ratepayers' dollars, and we are committed to providing safe, clean waterways for our community. We continually collect water-quality data and seek ways to improve our creeks, streams and the Ohio River for recreational use, as well as fish and wildlife habitats. Go to LouisvilleMSD.org/WaterQuality to view the data.

For more information about MSD efforts to improve our waterways, visit LouisvilleMSD.org/consent-decree or call 502-587-0603.

Together we can achieve safe, clean waterways for a healthy and vibrant community.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director