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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 relief when the sanitary system becomes overwhelmed with rainwater.

MSD's Project WIN (Waterway Improvements Now) defines a plan to rehabilitate our aging sewer system and reduce the number of overflows that send raw, untreated sewage into our local waterways during rain events. In the past year, we have moved closer to that goal by:

- Completing a 36-year journey to eliminate more than 300 inefficient and outdated package wastewater treatment plants scattered throughout the community, leaving us with five regional water quality treatment centers;
- Constructing underground storage to lessen sewer overflows. The 17 million-gallon Logan Street Basin is well underway, and is one of seven storage basins citywide in planning or construction phases, along with a 2.5-mile tunnel under Louisville's downtown, that together will help us achieve the goal of capturing and treating 98 percent of combined sewer overflow volume by 2020.

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.

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. This data can be found at LouisvilleMSD.org/WaterQuality.

For more information about Project WIN, and to become part of the WINning team, call 502.587.0603 or visit us online at www.msdpwin.org.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director