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### **Due to Rising Ohio River, MSD Installing Additional Floodgates Mehring Way Road Closure -**TRAFFIC ALERT****

Cincinnati, OH - At noon today, the Ohio River level elevation at the Cincinnati Suspension Bridge Gage was 52.7. The most recent river level readings can be found at the National Weather Service website at:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=iln&gage=ccno1>.

The National Weather Service forecast predicts the Ohio River level will reach 56.3 feet by Sunday, March 15. Based on this forecast, Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) and Stormwater Management Utility Division (SMU) continue to operate the Mill Creek Barrier Dam facility. Last evening MSD and SMU crews installed the flood gate in the flood wall at Carr St.

Today, MSD and SMU crews are working to install flood gates at railroad openings in the flood wall just east of Freeman Ave and at Harriet St.

**Tomorrow morning, MSD and SMU crews will be installing the gate that crosses Mehring Way just west of Carr St. This will require the closure of Mehring Way to all through traffic between the Sixth Street Expressway and Freeman Avenue. Local access will be maintained but a detour will be installed directing all through traffic around the closure. The flood gate and road closure will be in place until the river recedes to normal levels.**

**Drivers are encouraged to reduce their speed and use caution when approaching the closure area.**

For additional information about stormwater management, please visit us at

[http://www.msdc.org/about\\_msd/stormwater/index.html](http://www.msdc.org/about_msd/stormwater/index.html)

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