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Cincinnati Fire Department and MSD Responding to Gas Spill Into Sewer System in West Price Hill

Impacted residents should take action to reduce odors and stay safe

CINCINNATI – The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) and the Cincinnati Fire Department are responding to a potential gasoline leak into the sewer system in West Price Hill. The fire department was alerted by area residents who noticed odors in their homes.

The leak reportedly occurred on December 24, potentially from a gas station. As part of the investigation into the source of the spill, the BP gas station at the intersection of West Eighth Street and Pedretti Avenue is closed and is emptying its underground storage tanks. Up to 360 gallons of fuel may have entered the sewers. Impacted streets include Carnation Avenues, Cappel Drive, and Hermosa Avenue.

MSD has been flushing the sewers with water since December 24 to try to knock down the odors and dilute the spill. Flushing was temporarily halted on December 25 due to cold temperatures but resumed today and will continue into the evening and beyond if needed.

It is advised that homeowners on the identified streets above should take the following precautions:

- Limit ignition sources such as candles and any other flaming devices.
- Run water in basement floor drains to reduce fumes and odors in the home. If the drains don’t have a trap (U-shaped portion of the pipe), they should be plugged to stop odors from entering homes.
- Crack windows to reduce fumes that may cause irritation.
The Cincinnati Fire Department and MSD will continue to monitor the situation and take action until this issue is resolved. The Cincinnati Health Department is also working with local residents to help address concerns.

For more information, please contact the Cincinnati Fire Department's non-emergency number at (513) 765-1212.

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