



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District *of* Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## **MWRD to host open houses, tours to celebrate 125th anniversary, raise awareness of water industry**

To celebrate the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) 125th anniversary and to raise awareness about the importance of water and the water industry, MWRD's treatment facilities will be open to the public for guided tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20.

The plants that will host tours include:

- Calumet, 400 E. 130th St, Chicago, IL
- Egan, 550 S. Meacham Rd, Schaumburg, IL
- Hanover Park, 1200 Sycamore Ave, Hanover Park, IL
- Kirie, 701 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines, IL
- O'Brien, 3500 W. Howard St, Skokie, IL
- Stickney, 6001 W. Pershing Rd, Cicero, IL

The MWRD is opening its doors in conjunction with other utilities from across the country as part of a national effort designed to showcase utility infrastructure. The MWRD was created by an Act of the Illinois General Assembly in 1889 to protect Lake Michigan, the source of our drinking water. In addition to providing wastewater treatment and stormwater management for Cook County, the MWRD is working to become more sustainable and energy neutral within the next decade. Visitors will learn about ongoing environmental improvement projects and developing technologies for renewable energy generation.

To learn more about the open houses or to schedule a private tour, contact the MWRD Office of Public Affairs at (312) 751-6633.

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*Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org)) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.*