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LIRR

IMMEDIATE

Hurricane Sandy Photo Opportunity

MTA Long Island Rail Road Is Fighting "Water with Water" as It Deploys a Water Dam in Railroad's Manhattan West Side Train Storage Yard starting tonight at 10 PM

WHAT: MTA Long Island Rail Road will be deploying a specially-designed water dam in its West Side Train Storage Yard in Manhattan tonight, in advance of Hurricane Sandy's arrival, to protect the tracks in Penn Station and the East River Tunnels from potential flooding from the extreme high tides of the Hudson River during the storm. In deploying the water dam – a large rubberized, bladder-like structure that is 90ft long, 5ft high and filled with 32,000 gallons of water – across the Yard tracks leading to Penn Station, the LIRR is fighting "water with water." The water dam is a major element in the yard's storm drainage system designed specifically to help manage a "storm of the century" flooding from the Hudson River. The dam is strategically placed in front of large drainage troughs built under the tracks in the yard leading to extreme, high-capacity pumps to divert the large volume of potential flood waters from the Hudson into the City storm water drainage system.

Prior to deploying the water dam – which takes approximately 8 hours – the LIRR had to move the trains from the yard as additional precaution.

WHEN: Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 10 PM

WHERE: LIRR West Side Train Storage Yard

Located at 33rd Street and 10th Avenue in New York City

Those attending should enter the Yard on the 33rd Street entrance just west of 10th Avenue (between 10th & 11th Avenues)

Members of the media planning to attend this photo opportunity are requested to contact the

MTA Press Office at 212-878-7440.