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Mr. John Therriault
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Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph St. Suite 11-500
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Re: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of my constituent residents and businesses in the 32nd Ward of Chicago and the City of Chicago, I write to express my full support for the recommended water quality standard improvements proposed by the EPA for the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River under rule-making R08-009.

As an outdoor enthusiast, and conservationist, I understand the vital link between our natural resources, and quality of life issues for all who benefit from clean water resources. I support the Illinois EPA recommendations so we can take another step in improving the water quality in the region for everyone's use. It is essential that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District disinfect sewage treatment plant effluent to kill bacteria and protect public health and implement temperature and dissolved oxygen standards to protect fish and help them flourish in a cleaner water source.

Having been transformed from a sewage ridden reservoir to an economic and recreational asset came about because of the commitment of many organizations and governmental entities to make the system useful again. We should assist the Water Reclamation District, the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District and all other community based organizations looking to continually improve the system in any way possible. The implementation of these improvements will keep us moving in the right direction.

I encourage the members of the IPCB to join in the efforts of the Illinois EPA and others in reclaiming our natural resources through long term planning and to maintain this vital public resource for now and future generations.

Yours very truly,

Scott E. Waguespack
Alderman, City of Chicago

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