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John Therriault, Assistant Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I am writing to express my support for the recommended water quality standard improvements proposed by the Illinois EPA for the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River as rule making R08-009.

Specifically, I think sewage treatment plant effluent should be disinfected to kill bacteria and protect public health before being discharged into the CAWS (and other waterways). Further, I think nearly every citizen of Illinois would not only support this, but would be surprised that this is not already done. I am also in favor of the new proposed temperature and dissolved oxygen standards to protect fish.

It is my impression that water quality in the CAWS has been improving and that recreational use of and wildlife in the CAWS has increased over recent years. I believe we should try to continue this trend and strive to continually improve water quality in the CAWS, not only to better the environment for ourselves, but also for future generations. Therefore, I ask that you adopt the proposed Illinois EPA standards.

Very truly yours,



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