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Dear Illinois State Pollution Control Board,

My name is Aldin Polovina and I am from waters school. My classmates and I took various fieldtrips to the Chicago River. My classmates and I took tests for the Chicago River. The tests did not turn out very well. We ranked our tests with numbers 1-4. 4 is a great score and 1 is a horrible score. Most of our tests were 1's and 2's which aren't good grades. Only a few of our tests came back as 4's. We examined how we have locks so the Chicago River water doesn't go into Lake Michigan. When we finished our testing we put the water to dissolve and to see what and how much the Chicago River is polluted. When our teacher came back and told us the test results, the dissolved oxygen had a very low test score. Our teacher talked about how the pollution was dumped in the water and that there was no oxygen in the water. Before we went to examine and study the Chicago River we talked about the many tests we were going to take. After we took our tests we examined the bugs in the Chicago River. We found Saul bugs, blood worms, craws, and many other bugs. Some groups that went to look for bugs but never found them. The other groups we had divided into almost never found any bugs. When we came back and we examined the bugs we found, the first group that went to examine found any bugs. The second group that went to see if there were any bugs only found a few bugs. The third group that went to look for bugs found so many bugs. They found Saul bugs, blood worms, crawl fish and many other big bugs. The fourth group found only a few bugs. When we came back and tallied up the bugs we found we only found a few. I know it's your

job to control pollution and you should really not pollute the Chicago River as how much it is polluted now. We should keep Mother Nature as beautiful as it could get. We do not want to make Mother Nature dirty. Please respond.

Sincerely,

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