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P. C. 458

RE: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf my family, and as a member of the Friends of the Chicago River, 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.

These changes are long overdue and recommended only after five years of study on the CAWS and seven on the Lower Des Plaines. We should all support the Illinois EPA's effort and approve the changes.

As a citizen of the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and of the greater Mississippi river watershed, I think it is critical that:

- The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District disinfect sewage treatment plant effluent to kill bacteria and protect public health and
- Temperature and dissolved oxygen standards be implemented to protect fish and help them flourish.

Over the years, the entire CAWS system has changed dramatically. The water, once full of raw sewage and industrial filth, has vastly improved through the leadership of agencies like the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and its Tunnel and Reservoir Plan. Public access has increased considerably as local governments incorporated these rivers into their master planning. The City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, and suburbs like Blue Island and Skokie have poured millions into river access for paddling, fishing, and crew. And so much work has been done to improve habitat and control pollution that in the Chicago River system, species of fish have climbed from under 10 to nearly 70, including game fish favorites like large-mouth bass and bluegill and yellow perch.

Because a review like this only comes along every 20 years, right now we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to continue our momentum by supporting the Illinois EPA recommendations so we can make the next quantum leap forward in water quality.

There is no magic bullet and or all-in-one measure that can eliminate water pollution but we know that if we want the Chicago River to continue to improve and serve our communities as a recreational, natural and economic resource, disinfection and the rest of the Illinois EPA's recommendations are essential.

I believe that as a society it is our moral obligation to ensure that we work to achieve the highest potential for shared resources, including and especially water. And as stewards of these natural resources, we should not be seeking the minimum in improvement, but the maximum.

Thank you,



Marjorie Miller Brownstein
4170 N. Marine Drive 14G
Chicago, IL 60613-2333

August 20, 2010

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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of myself and the Big Shoulders Rowing Club, 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.

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fran Tuite". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Fran Tuite
237 W. Menomonee St.
Chicago, IL 60614
312.953.0106

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From: Todd Zimmermann <todd_zimmermann@timeinc.com>
To: <brownd@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 8/24/2010 9:45 AM
Subject: Disinfect CAWS: Case Number R2008-009 (D)

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Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

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Thank you for your First Notice which recognizes that the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River are being used for recreational purposes. I support Illinois EPA's proposal to require disinfection at MWRD sewage plants, and to protect aquatic life in these waters from thermal pollution.

The Chicago River has been a pathway for pathogens for too long! Running through the heart of the Chicago Region the river has long been denied some of the basic goals of the Clean Water Act namely that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill.

It seems almost unbelievable that in this day and age, more outrage does not exist on this topic. The river is a cess pool filled with debris, trash, human waste, condoms, just to name a few. The MWRD has a responsibility towards the environment to change it's practices and help clean up this vital resource in the Chicagoland!

The Chicago Area Waterways and Lower Des Plaines River are important Illinois resources. As you move forward with the rulemaking process, I urge you to require MWRD to disinfect the sewage it discharges to these waterways.

Sincerely,

Todd Zimmermann
3514 N Bell Ave
Chicago, IL 60618-6020

From: Bethany Simmons <bethanygsimmons@gmail.com>
To: <brownd@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 8/23/2010 10:44 PM
Subject: Disinfect CAWS: Case Number R2008-009 (D)

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Bethany Simmons
1026 W Roscoe St Apt 3
Chicago, IL 60657-2207

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RE: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I am writing to express my strong 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.

These changes are long overdue. We should all support the Illinois EPA's effort and approve the changes.

I live Oak Park Illinois and enjoy canoeing and hiking in the forest preserves in Cook County and believe it is critical that:

- The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District disinfect sewage treatment plant effluent to kill bacteria and protect public health and
- Temperature and dissolved oxygen standards be implemented to protect fish and aquatic life such as macroinvertebrates.

A review like this only comes along every 20 years, right now we have a rare opportunity to continue cleaning up the rivers by supporting the Illinois EPA recommendations so we can make the next quantum leap forward in water quality.

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I believe as stewards of these natural resources, we should not be seeking the minimum in improvement, but the maximum.

Thank you,



Alice Brandon
309 Wisconsin Ave. #3
Oak Park, IL 60302

5101 N Central Park Ave
Chicago IL 60625
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As a resident of Chicago and frequent cyclist along the path alongside the river I think it is critical that:

- The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District disinfect sewage treatment plant effluent to kill bacteria and protect public health and
- Temperature and dissolved oxygen standards be implemented to protect fish and help them flourish.

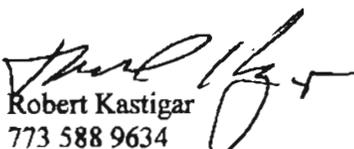
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Thank you,


Robert Kastigar
773 588 9634

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Mr. Paul And Linda Schutt
1715 N Wells St Apt 33
Chicago, IL 60614-5884
(312) 280-0165

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Aug 17, 2010

Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

Thank you for your First Notice which recognizes that the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River are being used for recreational purposes. I support Illinois EPA's proposal to require disinfection at MWRD sewage plants, and to protect aquatic life in these waters from thermal pollution.

The Chicago River has been a pathway for pathogens for too long! Running through the heart of the Chicago Region the river has long been denied some of the basic goals of the Clean Water Act namely that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill.

We wish to make greater use of our rivers, but not until they are fully safe for human activities.

The Chicago Area Waterways and Lower Des Plaines River are important Illinois resources. As you move forward with the rulemaking process, I urge you to require MWRD to disinfect the sewage it discharges to these waterways.

Sincerely,


Mr. Paul And Linda Schutt

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Sincerely,

Mr. Clayton Daughenbaugh
1311 Elmwood Ave
Berwyn, IL 60402-1138
(708) 795-0514

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The Chicago Area Waterways and Lower Des Plaines River are important Illinois resources. As you move forward with the rulemaking process, I urge you to require MWRD to disinfect the sewage it discharges to these waterways.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jonah Smith
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Chicago, IL 60613-6307

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carol Hartzell
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I am embarrassed that we have a fouled waterway and a bureaucracy that supports the status quo. This shows no great thinking or hope for our future. Please make the change for our future!

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Miller
11 E Madison St
Ste 300
Chicago, IL 60602-4575