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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,

Michael Wagner
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The more I read about the state of the Chicago River, the less I want to row on it! As part of LPBC (a now thriving rowing team attracting past national-team members and an ever-increasing presence at National and state championships) I row on the water at least 3 times a week and part of the sport involves some involuntary splashing. Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill. We've had a few women take time off from illness and thinking back they have been around the same time and I suspect have something to do with the river conditions. It's at least very possible, if not the main culprit.

If we can do something to clean up the river we will continue to be great advocates of Chicago, impressing visiting rowers (who generally go away with the impression that Chicago River is extremely unhygienic) and continue being part of the Chicago riverscape - we are regularly in visitors' photos and create a healthier image for Chicago. Please help us to clean it up and put Chicago on the map for all the right reasons, not the wrong ones.

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Please let me know if there is anything LPBC or myself can do to help.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Amelia Aspell

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Date: 8/26/2010 7:16 PM
Subject: Disinfect CAWS: Case Number R2008-009 (D)

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