

## John Therriault - Fwd: Comment on R08-9 Subdocket A

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Ms. Tipsord,

I want to commend the Pollution Control Board on its draft ruling regarding the water quality of the Chicago River and to share my comment on the ruling, since it is my understanding the comment period is still open. The reality that people are reclaiming the Chicago River for recreation use, a move consistent with the EPA's policy to ensure all waterways are able to be used for human recreation in and on the water, requires that we finally turn our attention to making these activities safe. I was on the river today and saw many families, including small children, canoeing and kayaking on the river. In the past I have seen University students practicing for rowing competitions. To think that we have jeopardized the health of our children and future leaders by not taking the most rudimentary steps to protect them by ensuring a basic level of water quality standards is shameful. I would certainly pay more each month to ensure the Water Reclamation District can do what is necessary to make the river safe for those who would like to use it recreationally.

So, not only do I fully support this ruling, I am also willing, as a resident and taxpayer in Chicago, to pay for the practices that will ensure no child gets gastroenteritis simply from coming in contact with Chicago River Water. I also fully support additional measures to disinfect and limit the sewage the Water Reclamation District dumps into the River.

Thank you,

Ellen Ray

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