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Illinois Pollution Control Board
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Chicago, IL 60601

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Chicago could have so much more value if the river would be clean enough for citizens as well as visitors to swim or enjoy more. We could sit near the river without smelling an odor and maybe eventually with less garbage on the surface. Lake Michigan would likely not be closed as much as a result. Who is not scared to swim in that water?

Sincerely, Daniel Pizzoferrato 650 W 15th St. Chicago Heights IL 60411

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