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**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/18/2011 4:52 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Pollution Control Board**

May 18, 2011

Mr. John Therriault  
100 West Randolph St., Ste 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

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*Pct# 644*

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Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,  
Margaret

Sincerely,

Mrs. M Winters  
PO Box 752  
Griffith, IN 46319-0752

*[Small handwritten mark]*

**From:** Jessica Klinge <jessica.klinge@gmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@jpcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/18/2011 10:21 PM  
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Sincerely,

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Ms. Jessica Klinge  
5242 S Hyde Park Blvd  
Chicago, IL 60615-4245

PCH 645

**From:** Riley Saprks <rileybsparks@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/19/2011 11:52 AM  
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Sincerely,

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Mr. Riley Saprks  
1286 s rivervend ct  
nixa, MO 65714

Pct#646

**From:** John Gammel <johngammel@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/19/2011 11:52 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,

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Mr. John Gammel  
21175 207th St NW  
Big Lake, MN 55309-8979

**From:** Chris Weeks <pepperman7@embarqmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/19/2011 1:22 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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*PC#648*

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Chris Weeks  
608 Timothy Dr  
Elizabeth City, NC 27909-9376

**From:** Kirk Rhoads <kirkrhoads@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/19/2011 9:22 PM  
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Mr. Kirk Rhoads  
301 Cooper St  
Mountain Home, AR 72653-4270

**From:** Stuart Koster <skoster\_5@msn.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/20/2011 10:26 AM  
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Mr. Stuart Koster  
311 Homestead Ave  
Salinas, CA 93901-1917

*PCH#650*

**From:** Janet Jenkins <jjenkins6500@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/20/2011 10:26 AM  
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Sincerely,

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Ms. Janet Jenkins  
330 N Clinton St  
Chicago, IL 60661-1126

PC#651

**From:** Matthew Rubin <rubinmd@gmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@jpcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/20/2011 10:26 AM  
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Sincerely,

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Mr. Matthew Rubin  
300 N Canal St  
Apt 2503  
Chicago, IL 60606-1306

PC#652

**From:** Leona Ketterl <leonaketterl@ameritech.net>  
**To:** <therriaj@jpcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/20/2011 12:55 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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My husband and I live on the Chicago River and are avid kayakers of the three braches within a short distance of our home. The Chicago River has become a true community resource with all kinds of wildlife, new riverfront parks, residential communities, restaurants, and businesses that are dependent on a healthy river. As a region we have spent billions of dollars to clean up the river, but we have not finished the job.

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Sincerely,

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Ms. Leona Ketterl  
345 N Canal St Apt 604  
Chicago, IL 60606-1356

**From:** Sender Fridland <senderf@asechka.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/20/2011 12:55 PM  
**Subject:** Invest in Chicago River - it will pay in the long run!

May 20, 2011

Mr. John Therriault  
100 West Randolph St., Ste 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

*Pct#654*

Dear Mr. Therriault,

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am a resident of Chicago's Fulton River District neighborhood. Every day I walk along the river to my office and watch numerous tourists taking pictures of the river landscapes, while tour boats carry other astonished visitors and Chicagoans as well through the Chicago River Urban Gorge.

The river has become by itself a tremendous city attraction, at the same level of significance as the lake, architecture, Millennium Park. Only very shortsighted people cannot see that a clean river that projects freshness, health, relaxation, and, charm and romance in the evening, is the most powerful magnet that brings people to the city.

Think of all the movies filmed at Seine, Themse, Tiber, or closer to home, East River, and yes, Chicago River! The best cities in the world love their rivers and take a good care of them.

For way too long Chicago has simply used its river. Perhaps, it was inevitable in the past, when the city was a railroad, industrial center first, and everything else did not matter. But today, in 2011, the city must be able to attract people by means different than just industry and trade - the city appearance has become the major competitive factor. This is why investing in our river improvements is not just about EPA and recreation, it is as much about the very future of Chicago as a top American city.

Let's be real, we need to make this investment to simply survive in the long ran, let's take the 1st step - begin work immediately to implement the changes needed to begin disinfection of the water destined for the Chicago, protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage.

Thank you for considering my appeal.

Sincerely,

Sender Fridland  
Chicago, IL 60661

Sincerely,

Mr. Sender Fridland  
616 W Fulton St Apt 506  
Chicago, IL 60661-1197

**From:** Jacqueline Bassett <jackie.bassett@verizon.net>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/20/2011 3:25 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Chicago, IL 60601

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Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Bassett  
226 North Clinton Street, Apt 618  
Chicago, IL 60661

Sincerely,

Ms. Jacqueline Bassett  
226 N Clinton St  
Apt 618  
Chicago, IL 60661-1346

**From:** Steve Golden <steve@goldenpictures.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/20/2011 4:55 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,  
Steve Golden  
Chicago, IL 60607

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125 S Racine Ave  
Chicago, IL 60607-2515