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To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
Date: 5/24/2011 5:05 PM  
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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May 24, 2011

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

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Mr. -Rev. Richard J. Treitner, H.P.  
PO Box 222  
Pine Hill, NY 12465-0222

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PC# 769

**From:** Martha Herrero <mail@marthaherrero.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 5:35 PM  
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Sincerely,

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Dr. Martha Herrero  
153 The Masters Cir  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627-4640

*PC# 170*

**From:** julie mckee <jhmckee021849@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 6:05 PM  
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*Protect 771*

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Sincerely, julie mckee  
formerly of Illinois :)

Sincerely,

Ms. julie mckee  
705 925 elysian valley rd  
janesville, CA 06114

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**From:** Dawn Edwards <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 6:27 PM  
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*PC# 772*

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Sincerely,

Dawn Edwards  
chicago, IL

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**From:** Ellaine Lurie-Janicki <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 6:31 PM  
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*PCH 773*

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Sincerely,

Ellaine Lurie-Janicki  
West Haven, CT

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**From:** Frida Simms <fsimms@comcast.net>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
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*pc# 724*

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Sincerely,

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Mrs. Frida Simms  
106 Roberts Ln  
Alexandria, VA 22314-5348

**From:** Kathi Ridgway <ridgkathi43213@msn.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 6:35 PM  
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Sincerely,

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Ms. Kathi Ridgway  
600 Banningway Dr  
Columbus, OH 43213-3441

*PC# 775*

**From:** Edith Coleman <ecol0106@aol.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 6:35 PM  
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Sincerely,

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Ms. Edith Coleman  
2600 Frederick Ave  
Wilmington, DE 19805-2269

**From:** Doug woodzy <fox@harbornet.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 7:05 PM  
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Mr. Doug woodzy  
PO Box 32  
Fox Island, WA 98333-0032

PC# 777

**From:** Rita Petruccelli <read4hope@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 7:05 PM  
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Sincerely,

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Miss Rita Petruccelli  
129 Cedardale Ave  
Villas, NJ 08251-1222

*PCT# 228*

**From:** Kathleen Alexander <dogone1205@aol.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 7:35 PM  
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Ms. Kathleen Alexander  
6110 Tyne St  
Houston, TX 77007-3044

*PC# 779*

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**From:** kristen davies <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 8:01 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PC# 780*

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Sincerely,

kristen davies  
Chicago, IL

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**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 8:05 PM  
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Sincerely,

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Mrs. Mary Truelove  
17 South Dr  
Martinsville, IN 46151-2669

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**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 8:05 PM  
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*PC# 782*

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Save our national treasures!

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Mr. Danny Wilson  
27 N 28th St Apt 21c2  
Las Vegas, NV 89101-4604

**From:** Charlotte Stahl <grandmacharlottes@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 8:35 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

May 24, 2011

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

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Ms. Charlotte Stahl  
1167 NW Wallula Ave  
Gresham, OR 97030-3666

*PC# 783*

**From:** Pat Mimeau <pat\_m@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 9:05 PM  
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Ms. Pat Mimeau  
256 Circular Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94131-3134

*Pat 784*

**From:** Christian Heinold <cheinold@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 9:35 PM  
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Mr. Christian Heinold  
547 24th St Apt 22  
Oakland, CA 94612-1742

*PC# 785*

**From:** Heather Gunn <heathergunn@peacemail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 9:35 PM  
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Sincerely,

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Ms. Heather Gunn  
Peaceful Way  
Micaville, NC 28755

*PC# 286*

**John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage**

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**From:** "Edward S. Gault" <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 9:37 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PCH# 787*

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Berlin, MA

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**From:** Michael Steele <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 11:35 PM  
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PC# 288

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Morrice, MI

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**From:** Carol Petersen <midnight60827@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/24/2011 11:35 PM  
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Miss Carol Petersen  
14220 S Stewart Ave  
Riverdale, IL 60827-2338

PC# 189

**John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage**

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**From:** james m nordlund <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 12:26 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PCH 790*

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james m nordlund  
Fargo, ND

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**From:** Diana Lippy <dianalippy@juno.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 12:35 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

May 25, 2011

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Ms. Diana Lippy  
2732 Waldor Dr  
Baltimore, MD 21234-1032

*PCRH 791*

**From:** joann d butkus <jb7698@att.net>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 1:35 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

May 25, 2011

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Ms. joann d butkus  
2502 W 38th St  
Chicago, IL 60632-1010

**John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage**

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**From:** Alan Haggard <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 1:45 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PC# 193*

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San Diego, CA

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**From:** James Sullivan <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 1:50 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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**From:** Levin Manabat <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 2:25 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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*PC# 795*

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**From:** Tolga Suslu <tolgasuslu@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 4:06 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PC# 796*

May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Tolga Suslu  
Cakmaktas Mah. Moloztas Sok. No:12/21 Tasyatagi  
Ankara, None 12345

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**From:** cate murray <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 4:45 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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PC# 797

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Sincerely,

cate murray  
Langley Park, Durham, United Kingdom

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**From:** Evan Roman <hobbs000@cox.net>  
**To:** <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 5:06 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PC# 198*

May 25, 2011

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

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Mr. Evan Roman  
4676 Greene St  
San Diego, CA 92107-1420

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**From:** ruth johnson <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 6:01 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,

ruth johnson  
Marion, IL

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**From:** carlee trent <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 6:10 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PC#800*

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carlee trent  
springfield, OH

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**From:** "Scott, Beth and Vicky Our Family" <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 8:52 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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*PC#801*

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**From:** Ellen G <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 9:36 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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*PCH#802*

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Sincerely,

Ellen G  
Sussex, WI

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**From:** Janice Foss <libraj@comcast.net>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 9:36 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PCH-803*

May 25, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Ms. Janice Foss  
2435 Colusa St  
Pinole, CA 94564-1501

**From:** Eileen Anderson <spenser5681@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 10:07 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*Pct#804*

May 25, 2011

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Ms. Eileen Anderson  
2907 Ronda Rd  
Columbus, OH 43232-5234

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**From:** "Chris >^..^<" <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 10:32 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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PC#805

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Chris >^..^<  
Jersey City, NJ

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**From:** Stephanie Jayne <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 10:55 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PC#806*

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Jayne  
Knoxville, TN

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**From:** MACKIE JACKSON <ljacksonc@windstream.net>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 5/25/2011 11:07 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

*PC#807*

May 25, 2011

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Mr. MACKIE JACKSON  
PO Box 343  
Lewisville, NC 27023-0343