

John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

From: Jennifer Hall <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 1:05 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Greetings,

PC#877

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Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hall
Greeneville, TN

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From: Matthew Ashmore <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 2:25 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#818

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Matthew Ashmore
Northport, AL

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From: Mary Foley <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 3:10 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#880

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Sincerely,

Mary Foley
cork, Ireland

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From: Bette Mioduski <equuleusiii@hotmail.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 5:39 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

May 26, 2011

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

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Ms. Bette Mioduski
5108 Quail Hollow Rd
Sanford, NC 27332-8595

PC#881

From: Armand Fontaine <txhammer3408@yahoo.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 6:39 AM
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Sincerely,

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Mr. Armand Fontaine
7445 Highway 258 W
Iowa Park, TX 76367-8329

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From: isabel esteve <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 7:10 AM
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PC#883

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igualada, Spain

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From: JoAnn Bouikidis <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 7:25 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PE#884

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Sincerely,

JoAnn Bouikidis
Racine, WI

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PCH 885

From: Laura Kracum <ltk84@aol.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 9:09 AM
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Ms. Laura Kracum
1555 N Astor St
Apt 41e
Chicago, IL 60610-5783

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From: Alice Diane Celebre <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 9:20 AM
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Sincerely,

Alice Diane Celebre
Ringoos, NJ

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From: Ira Mak <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 9:45 AM
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Ira Mak
Jerusalem, Israel

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From: Eric Emery <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 10:23 AM
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PC#888

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Sincerely,

Eric Emery
Mon. Jct., NJ

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From: Donna Knauss <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 10:25 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#889

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Sincerely,

My son lives in Chicago, and I would like for the Chicago river to be clean and pristine for him and everyone else who lives in Chicago. There is no excuse for this horrible action.

Donna Knauss
Chattanooga, TN

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From: mike downs <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 11:02 AM
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PC#890

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Sincerely,

mike downs
sweet springs, MO

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From: Rachel Lavigne <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 11:39 AM
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Sincerely,

Rachel Lavigne
Helena, AR

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From: Monica Kaiser <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
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Sincerely,

Monica Kaiser
Edlibach, Switzerland

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John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

From: "Maria F." <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 12:19 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#893

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Maria F.
Verona, Italy

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John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

From: Chelsea Madison <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 12:42 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,

Chelsea Madison
Oakland, CA

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John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

From: shari redfox <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 12:59 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#895

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Sincerely,

shari redfox
new berlin, WI

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John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

From: darius dirzinskas <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 1:11 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Pet # 896

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Sincerely,

darius dirzinskas
london, United Kingdom

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From: victoria bas <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 1:29 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#897

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Sincerely,

victoria bas
buenos aires, Argentina

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From: Chuck Correll <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 1:47 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,

Chuck Correll
New London, NC

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John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

From: Barbara McNamara <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 5/26/2011 3:02 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,

Barbara McNamara
Joppa, MD

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Renee Rinn
1870 Cooper Ln
Algonquin, IL 60102-6628

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Sincerely,

Mr. Marc Cockerill
20 W 15th St Unit A
Chicago, IL 60605-2992
(312) 588-0799

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Sincerely,

Mr. Harrison P Bertram
1090 Groton Ct
Schaumburg, IL 60193-3745
(847) 895-1209

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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Morrison
1109 N Mitchell Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-4622
(847) 577-9639

PCH 903

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer McQuaid
10816 S Pulaski Rd
Oak Lawn, IL 60453-5330
(708) 425-7320

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Ashley Gorin
403 George St
Jerseyville, IL 62052-2421

PCT# 905

May 5, 2011

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Chicago, IL 60601

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Apr 9, 2011

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Sincerely,

Mr. Adrian Luszc
483 Oakhurst Ln
Carpentersville, IL 60110-3006
(630) 544-7827

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PCH 907

March 31, 2011

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601
RE: Rule Making R08-009

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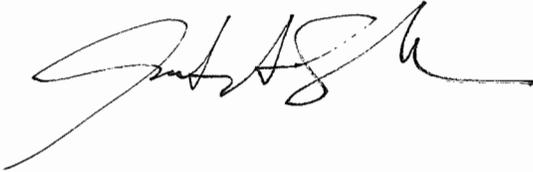
Dear Mr. Therriault,

I have recently learned that the City of Chicago's Metropolitan Water Reclamation District does not disinfect the bacterial sewage before discharging into the Chicago River. I find this appalling. As a city resident living within a few hundred yards of the Chicago River, and one who likes to go for a paddle on the river, this is at the forefront of my concerns.

I ask for your support to stop the MWRD from polluting the Chicago River.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely



Jonathan Sladek
5247 W Ardmore Ave
Chicago IL 60646
847-858-2242

March 30, 2011

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601
RE: Rule Making R08-009

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PCH 909

Dear Mr. Therriault,

A couple of weeks ago, I had lunch with a friend. Over delicious Indian food, she shared some of the outrageous stories she collects as a librarian at a major downtown university library. One of them was how the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority is run by the Mafia. Another was Second City Cop's blog detailing corruption in the police department. But when she got to the part about the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District being run by career bureaucrats with no incentive to exert themselves to protect our water in Chicago, I had to interrupt her. "Hey, that's not funny," I said. "That's *true*."

Please take a moment to consider the legacy you and your colleagues will leave Chicago residents if you don't secure the safety of our rivers and waterways right now. New hazards are mounting – due to climate change, population movement, even to the bad habits of ordinary people who take the safety of their drinking water for granted. Big rainfall, insufficient runoff or sewer capacity; a perfect storm of accidents is waiting to happen, and let me tell you, I'm not an alarmist. I wish bad things didn't happen, but they do. Don't let the big bad thing that is overdue happen on your watch. Get organized to disinfect our sewage *now*.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this critical matter.

Sincerely,



Annie Morse
2023 W Evergreen
Chicago, IL 60622-1908

Mar 7, 2011

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sally Ledig
368 S Cumberland Pkwy
Des Plaines, IL 60016-2961
(224) 612-6201

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Anne Romanow
1311 Mohawk Ct
Schaumburg, IL 60193-4897

PC# 911

Feb 18, 2011

Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

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Evelyn Ritter
916 Quaker Hill Ln
Libertyville, IL 60048-3803

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Mr. Harrison P Bertram
1090 Groton Ct
Schaumburg, IL 60193-3745

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JESUS G. GARCÍA
COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER
7TH DISTRICT



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February 8, 2011

VIA REGULAR US MAIL

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

RE: **Water Quality Standard Improvements**

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of my constituents, I am writing to express my support for the recommended water quality standard improvements proposed by the Illinois EPA for the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River as rule making R08-009.

I believe it is critical that:

- The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District disinfect sewage treatment plant effluent to kill bacteria and protect public health and
- New temperature and dissolved oxygen standards be implemented to protect fish and help them flourish.

Because a review like this only comes along every 20 years, right now we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to continue our momentum by supporting the Illinois EPA recommendations so we can make the next quantum leap forward in water quality.

I believe that as a society it is our moral obligation to ensure that we work to achieve the highest potential for shared resources, including and especially water. And as stewards of these natural resources, we should not be seeking the minimum in improvement, but the maximum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesus Garcia".

Jesus G. Garcia
Commissioner, 7th District

January 28, 2011

PC915

Dear John Theriault, Chief Clerk,

I hope you will give great attention to cleaning up the Chicago River by extending the process of sewage treatment before the sewage is released into the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. The process of breaking down the sewage several more stages and disinfected it would save both the Chicago River and Lake Michigan and could restore them to the clean and beautiful bodies of water they used to be, which they deserve to be again and which the people of Chicago deserve to have them be again. The Lake and the River are such an important part of the City, a place to go and swim and boat on hot summer days. I lived in Chicago from 1934 to 1950 and remember how wonderful it was to go to the beach on hot summer days and weekends and swim in the Lake and I remember most of the people of the City would be down there on the weekends. And I remember rowing big long boats down the Chicago River with the Senior Sea Scouts and my troop members of the Senior Mariner Girl Scouts - these are beautiful memories and were beautiful times. Please do everything possible to bring these memories back to a present day reality so the people of Chicago will again have their

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River and lake back again clean and
beautiful and so that they can use the
Lake and the River without health risks

Sincerely

Riz Provenzano

11946 Kiowa Ave. #4

Los Angeles, CA

90046

Basic sewage treatment of disinfection before
the sewage is discharged into the Chicago River
and a second sewage disinfection ~~before~~ it
is discharged into the River. This would
cost 2 to 3 dollars per household. Well
worth it for the people of Chicago to be
able to recreate at and on the River again
without health hazards.