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Dorothy Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street
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Dear Ms. Gunn,

Please reject the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies request to lower the dissolved oxygen criteria from 5.0 mg/l to 3.5mg/l during the months of July though February.

Currently, in Northern Kane County, the Fox River watershed is being stressed by numerous factors such as fertilizer and salt run-off, low rainfall, invasion of non-native species, altering of water flow from dams and the huge amount of treated wastewater that gets discharged into the waterway from communities all along the river.

There is an addition of several thousand new homes that are, or will be, discharging additional treated wastewater into Tyler Creek and Otter Creek that feed into the Fox River.

Lowering the oxygen amount (by 30%!) in this discharge will cause further disruption of the already fragile environment.

Please consider the healthiest choice for our water, our environment and ultimately our human communities. Reject the proposal to lower the dissolved oxygen standard and continue to be a good steward of our Illinois waterways.

Thank-you.



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