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Dear State Pollution Control Board,

I hope that the Illinois Pollution Control Board actually fixes the pollution in the Chicago River. It's killing the environment. As a student of Waters Elementary we learn a lot about the earth and I hope they fix it someday. If they don't we will all be in trouble. The bacteria and disgusting pollution in the river is revolting. They should gather a team and keep working time at a time and get everything out of the river. Us at the school work hard to learn ways we can improve the water. So we all should start doing our part to help now! Ways we can improve are by getting things like chip bags, soda cans, and other garbage. We can also filter the water and get all the things out from our dish washing liquids, detergents, and the things we put in our sinks. We learned a lot of things on the field trips we took.

On the first one we tested the dissolved oxygen, BOD, Phosphates, and other things. All together our grade was a C for the river. On the second trip we went to the locks and to an animal center to learn about the animals that are out there by the river. We also learned about the river and about things we can do at the center. The most recent trip we went back to the river to take the tests again only to find out that the river hadn't got better. But the good thing is it didn't get any worse but it still needs improvement. I think we should start a new era for clean pollution free water in Chicago.

Sincerely,

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Dear Illinois State Pollution Control Board,

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A few weeks ago I and my classmates went down to the Chicago River to test a few water samples to find out how dirty the Chicago River really is. There are three scores one, two, three, and four. Four is great and if the river got this score it would mean that it is healthy and does not need any cleaning. Three is good and that means that nothing bad is in the river but it might need some cleaning. Two is fair and that means the river is not really clean but not really dirty. One is horrible and means that the Chicago River is in need of serious cleaning. The tests were ones and two's and that is pretty bad. Only a few tests came back as four's and that is good but not many were four's. The amount of dissolved oxygen in the river was pretty low. There were a lot of bugs in the river. We found Saul bugs, blood worms, and Cray fish. That is pretty good and I am sure that this will only get better. If you need any more proof fish and geese live in the river. Know it's the time to clean the river and I would appreciate it if you at lest read this letter and it might give you a little inspiration to clean the river because I am not the only one. My classroom and the entire school would love to clean the river. If you need a bigger motive to clean the river then you should just take a look and see how much foam and sewerage is in the river. Since the tests came back negative and all the foam and

sewage that is in the river is polluting the river only one company can make a difference, you. So please I urge you to clean the river and make it safe again. The city of Chicago is counting on you so do not let them down.

Sincerely,

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