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PC# 422

The Chicago River is a fabulous resource for boating and fishing. I live right on the river about halfway between where Evanston dumps their non-disinfected waste and downtown Chicago.

Every day in the warm months I see people fishing and never once have I seen a person take home a fish they've caught. I've even seen people fishing with rubber gloves.

We use the river for canoeing and kayaking. Every time my now 16 year old son joins me he gets a rash wherever water has splashed on him. I find this really offensive.

I'm glad the River has gotten cleaner. And I still find it an embarrassment that I live where the river condition is reputed to be the worst in the United States.

It is high time my son be able to swim in the river instead of getting a rash each time he just gets a few drops on him.

Please, please, please improve the situation further.

Thank you!  
Paul Klein

The Chicago Area Waterways and Lower Des Plaines River are important Illinois resources. As you move forward with the rulemaking process, I urge you to require MWRD to disinfect the sewage it discharges to these waterways.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Klein  
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(312) 545-6891

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The Chicago River has been a pathway for pathogens for too long, and dumping untreated sewage into the Chicago river is a shame in the XXI century for a city and state that boast to become one of the top green cities.

Running through the heart of the Chicago Region the river has long been denied some of the basic goals of the Clean Water Act namely that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill. Please, act now!

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Sylvie Bendier  
Blackstone Ave  
Chicago, IL 60637

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RE: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of my family, 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.

My family lives on the south branch of the Little Calumet River in Dolton, IL, so we have a vested interest in clean water quality. We grow our own tomatoes and other veggies in the summer, and are concerned that the water quality may affect the veggies we grow and eat and share. Also, we enjoy the wildlife on the river and are concerned that the water quality may affect their health.

These changes are long overdue and recommended only after five years of study on the CAWS and seven on the Lower Des Plaines. We should all support the Illinois EPA's effort and approve the changes.

As a registered voter, Illinois resident and riparian land owner, I think it is critical that:

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

Over the years, the entire CAWS system has changed dramatically. The water, once full of raw sewage and industrial filth, has vastly improved through the leadership of agencies like the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and its Tunnel and Reservoir Plan. Public access has increased considerably as local governments incorporated these rivers into their master planning. The City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, and suburbs like Blue Island and Skokie have poured millions into river access for paddling, fishing, and crew. And so much work has been done to improve habitat and control pollution that in the Chicago River system, species of fish have climbed from under 10 to nearly 70, including game fish favorites like large-mouth bass and bluegill and yellow perch.

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.

There is no magic bullet and or all-in-one measure that can eliminate water pollution but we know that if we want the Chicago River to continue to improve and serve our communities as a recreational, natural and economic resource, disinfection and the rest of the Illinois EPA's recommendations are essential.

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.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Raymond Neander  
Shirlana Neander  
213 Riverside Drive  
Dolton, IL 60419  
Neakit@yahoo.com

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Sincerely,

Raymond Neander  
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Dolton, IL 60419-1430  
(708) 849-9427

From: Bonita Winer <bonniewiner@aol.com>  
To: <brownd@ipcb.state.il.us>  
Date: 8/20/2010 5:40 PM  
Subject: Disinfect CAWS: Case Number R2008-009 (D)

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I have lived along a portion of the Chicago River canal system much of my life and love the water flowing through our backyards. Along with Lake Michigan, this river system provides precious nature, fluidity and connection to our region. So much of the attractiveness and energy of Chicago is because of our waters.

This is a remarkable and undeniable asset in a large urban landscape.

With this in mind, I urge you to support better caretaking of these gifts. The Chicago River has been a pathway for pathogens for too long! Even though it runs through the heart of the Chicago Region, the river has long been denied some of the basic goals of the Clean Water Act: namely that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable!"

Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill. And denies us the natural heritage and beauty of what we have so long claimed to value.

Thank you for your assistance in protecting what belongs to All of us.

Bonnie Winer

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Sincerely,

Miss Bonita Winer  
4952 N Seeley Ave  
# 2  
Chicago, IL 60625-1314

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From: Mary Vieregg <mary@vieregg.net>  
To: <brownd@ipcb.state.il.us>  
Date: 8/20/2010 2:06 PM  
Subject: Disinfect CAWS: Case Number R2008-009 (D)

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Sincerely,

Mary Vieregg  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Eric Becker  
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Chicago, IL 60614-2460  
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I studied the condition of what was then the Metropolitan Sanitary District in the early to mid-1960's. At that point in time, close to fifty years ago, the bacterial waste discharged from the Sanitary District was equivalent to the of untreated sanitary waste of a city of 300,000. The District was allowed to get away with putting bubblers in the Chicago River to mitigate the damage to the waters of the rivers. Since that time, the number of people living downstream from Chicago has multiplied many times over, and we are STILL running bacterially contaminated water into the Illinois River at a time when multiply resistant strains (MRSA) have multiplied.

But, in the meantime, the rivers have become usable for canoeing, kayaking and fishing. It is only a matter of time before someone does contract a serious illness from using the waterways administered by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District or from contacting wildlife drinking from or living in the river. The country has been through multiple booms and busts, but the will to clean up the bacterial contamination of the Chicago River has never matched the funds available. On the other hand, action to take care of this problem now WOULD provide very badly needed jobs in the metropolitan area at all levels of expertise. That alone is reason enough to say that NOW is the time for the river to be reclassified so that its waters can become drinkable, swimmable and fishable (for more than catch and release) and so that the burden to downstate water districts become mitigated. Furthermore, during storm events such as the national disaster for which federal funds were made available just this week, the bacterially unsafe waters of the Chicago River System can flood homes and cause serious public safety hazards. The time to act is NOW!!!

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Judith Ditekowsky  
6150 N Forest Glen Ave  
Chicago, IL 60646-5016

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Make a logical choice.

For us all.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Jones  
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Northbrook, IL 60062-5038  
(847) 205-0682

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Sincerely,

Miss Emma Smith  
1943 W Cuyler Ave # 3  
Chicago, IL 60613-2403

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The Chicago River should be striving to meet the goal of the Clean Water Act, that all waters should be drinkable, and safe for human contact in recreational pursuits. Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill. All sewage should be treated before it is released from the MWRD sewage plants.

It is shocking to learn the Chicago is lagging behind other cities in the state. The MWRD should be a leader. I hope to hear soon about improvements in disinfecting their waste water.

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Sincerely,

Julie Norman  
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Unit 615  
Evanston, IL 60201-4820

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Sincerely,

Ms. Roberta Barnett  
6443 N Whipple St  
Chicago, IL 60645-4110

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PC#433

To Whom It May Concern,

As one who kayaks on the Chicago River, I have found that friends and family are reluctant to participate given the condition of the water. We have to watch the overflow warnings and the constant filth in the water. So many residents could be using the waters, increasing local businesses revenues significantly. Whole Foods outdoor patio overlooks the river, yet is frequently beset with foul odors and sights.

I fully support the Clean Water Act; namely that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill.

Please take every opportunity of your office to support, amend laws, and enact laws that comply fully with the Clean Water Act.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Aaron Symanski  
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Chicago, IL 60614-4066  
(312) 234-2172

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Kossik  
1626 N La Salle Dr Apt 4  
Chicago, IL 60614-6039

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Clean up the river already! You know it's the right thing to do - because it won't be easy. For too long, Illinois officialdom has taken the easy way out, avoiding the responsibility to act aggressively on behalf of the state's waterways. Be a hero. Do it now.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Annie Morse  
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Chicago, IL 60622-1908

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Sincerely,

HEATHER MCRAE  
1965 W Cullom Ave # 3  
Chicago, IL 60613-1024



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Sincerely,

Mr. Dale Bryson  
1425 Briergate Dr  
Naperville, IL 60563-2211  
(630) 357-4210

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Sincerely,

Mr. Zachary Maiorca  
2628 W Agatite Ave  
Chicago, IL 60625-3011

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Disinfection is necessary to achieve the mandate of Federal standards. Beyond that, the City has an obligation to itself, its citizens, its visitors, and as a role model for people and cities across the United States and world, to ensure that the waterways are clean and safe.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Larry Kaplan  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. cindy pagliuzza  
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Sincerely,

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Apt R  
Chicago, IL 60614-2323  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Darlene Kraemer  
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Belleville, IL 62226-7505  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Margaret Conway  
2335 W Iowa St  
Chicago, IL 60622-5726

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I paddle in the Chicago River more than a dozen times per year. It is a fantastic resource, but it is perceived as unsafe by the majority of the population. The Chicago River has been a pathway for pathogens for too long! Running through the heart of the Chicago Region the river has long been denied some of the basic goals of the Clean Water Act namely that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." While it is probably true that due to the volume of contaminated sediments (a subject that is not even being discussed by anyone) that certain parts of the CAWS can never be safe for swimming, it is unconscionable that we do not take the step of disinfecting the effluent (like every other major City in the US). Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants puts both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill.

It is time to take the next step and mandate disinfection. It is clear that this must be a phased in process due to the cost, time it will take to construct disinfection facilities, and the uncertainty about the exotic species issue and the proposals to separate the water sheds. However, no matter what the solution to these problems, we should begin the process to install disinfection at the North Side Treatment Plant.

Please take action now.

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Sincerely,

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

RE: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

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.

These changes are long overdue and recommended only after five years of study on the CAWS and seven on the Lower Des Plaines. We should all support the Illinois EPA's effort and approve the changes.

I think it is critical that:

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

Over the years, the entire CAWS system has changed dramatically. The water, once full of raw sewage and industrial filth, has vastly improved through the leadership of agencies like the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and its Tunnel and Reservoir Plan. Public access has increased considerably as local governments incorporated these rivers into their master planning. The City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, and suburbs like Blue Island and Skokie have poured millions into river access for paddling, fishing, and crew. And so much work has been done to improve habitat and control pollution that in the Chicago River system, species of fish have climbed from under 10 to nearly 70, including game fish favorites like large-mouth bass and bluegill and yellow perch.

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.

There is no magic bullet and or all-in-one measure that can eliminate water pollution but we know that if we want the Chicago River to continue to improve and serve our communities as a recreational, natural and economic resource, disinfection and the rest of the Illinois EPA's recommendations are essential.

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.

Thank you,

Mary Trieschmann  
942 Michigan Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60202

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Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Trieschmann  
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Sincerely,

lois shelgren  
1333 Maple Ave Apt 5D  
Evanston, IL 60201-4387

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Sincerely,

Alicia Mlsna  
PO Box 2751  
Naperville, IL 60567-2751

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Sincerely,

Ms. Arlene Gloria Hirsch  
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Apt 1901  
Chicago, IL 60660-5721

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jane Alexander  
1419 W Greenleaf Ave  
Chicago, IL 60626-2885

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jessica Goehler  
1000 Lake Cook Rd  
Glencoe, IL 60022-1168  
(847) 835-6947

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jeffrey Austin  
515 Heather Ln  
Carol Stream, IL 60188-1721



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Sincerely,

Dr. Julie Gowen  
4 Ruth Rd  
Bloomington, IL 61701-4315  
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PC#453

I direct a non-profit called Chicago Adventure Therapy. We work with at-risk urban youth using outdoor activities to build important life skills. A critical piece of our programming is that we use the tremendous outdoor resources in Chicago. Unfortunately, we don't do any programming on the Chicago River, except to participate in one race annually. The River would be a tremendous resource for our kids. The water on the river stays calm in conditions that prohibit us from paddling with our kids on the Lake because of the waves. Paddling on the River would allow our kids to "go somewhere" as well as to see parts of their city that they've literally never seen. The River also offers access to remarkably "natural" parts of the city. We try to use these natural areas in our programming as much as we can because of recent research showing the positive effects natural spaces can have on the functioning of youth diagnosed with ADHD, as well as the calming effect so helpful for those who have experienced, or are currently experiencing, trauma in their lives.

I would love to be able to hand this amazing resource to our youth. Thanks so much for taking the first step towards making that a safe possibility.

Gratefully,  
Andrea Knepper, LCSW  
Executive Director  
Chicago Adventure Therapy

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Sincerely,

Andrea Knepper  
2518 W Cullom Ave  
Chicago, IL 60618-1502

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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Jorgensen  
212 Sunnybrook Dr  
East Peoria, IL 61611-3462  
(309) 698-0325

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PC# 455

As a recreational user of the Chicago River and North Shore Channel, the water quality of these areas concerns me a great deal. We are blessed to have so many waterways and it is a shame that more isn't being done to take care of them. Chicago should be disinfecting it's waste, just like every other city. The technology is readily available and the costs aren't prohibitive, when the health of the human and wildlife population are at stake.

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Sincerely,

Anna Rasmussen  
8055 Lorel Ave  
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The more I read about the state of the Chicago River, the less I want to row on it! As part of LPBC (a now thriving rowing team attracting past national-team members and an ever-increasing presence at National and state championships) I row on the water at least 3 times a week and part of the sport involves some involuntary splashing. Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill. We've had a few women take time off from illness and thinking back they have been around the same time and I suspect have something to do with the river conditions. It's at least very possible, if not the main culprit.

If we can do something to clean up the river we will continue to be great advocates of Chicago, impressing visiting rowers (who generally go away with the impression that Chicago River is extremely unhygienic) and continue being part of the Chicago riverscape - we are regularly in visitors' photos and create a healthier image for Chicago. Please help us to clean it up and put Chicago on the map for all the right reasons, not the wrong ones.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help.

Yours faithfully

Amelia Aspell

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Amelia Aspell  
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Sincerely,

Allan Fluharty  
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Oak Park, IL 60302-3508