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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

Mr John Therriault
Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph St., #11-500
Chicago IL 60601

Re: Rule Making R08-009

PC#19

Dear Mr Therriault,

I am writing as a concerned Chicago private citizen and taxpayer and as a co-founder of the Friends of the Chicago River civic/environmental group.

I urge the IPCB to support the proposed improvements to water quality standards incorporated in Rule Making R08-009.

As you know, since 1979, Friends of the Chicago River has been the leading citizen-based organization supporting efforts to clean up and revitalize the Chicago River. Thanks to the good work of the Metropolitan Sanitary District (I know, I'm dating myself!) and the Deep Tunnel, we now have much-improved water quality in many parts of the Chicago River—enough to support recreation, restored wildlife and plants, and greater use of this once underappreciated environmental resource.

On behalf of my family and future generations of Chicagoans, I urge you to support the Illinois EPA and approve the changes recommended in Rule Making R08-009.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



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