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RE: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

We are residents of Evanston concerned with water quality in our regional waterways. We are writing to express our 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.

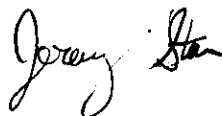
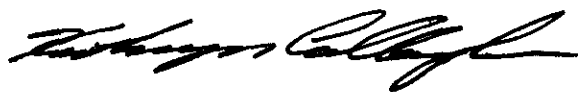
These changes are long overdue and recommended only after five years of study on the CAWS and seven on the Lower Des Plaines. We should all support the Illinois EPA's effort and approve the changes.

As residents of the Chicago area, we 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.

We know that a review like this only comes along every 20 years. We strongly support the Illinois EPA water quality standard improvements and we hope that the IPCB will too.

Thank you,



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