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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

Hello my name is Emily Eul and I attend Waters J. Tomas elementary. Lately our school ecology teacher has taken us to the Chicago River; at the Chicago River we took many tests in which we did not find the best results. Like for dissolved oxygen we got a 1 which is very low and bad .Dissolved oxygen is an oxygen that fish and other organisms need to live in the river and with a low grade not so many living things can live and they will just die out. So my fellow classmates and I believe that you should add another cleaning system or filter to help this test improve. After you add filters and other cleaning devises to your cleaning systems the river will have a huge difference .But at the Chicago River the water looked filthy and you could see dead fish and dead ducks everywhere! It was a terrible sight if you care for the environment, animals and the river as much as you say you do then you would add another cleaning system.

Sincerely,

Emily M. Eul

To: Illinois state pollution control board

From: 4540 N. Campbell

Dear, Illinois state pollution control board

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PC#218

My name is Wagner Regalizo. I'm from water's school. The first time we went to the Chicago River. My classmates and I took test for the Chicago River. The test of the Chicago River was bad. The rack is 1-4. But 1 is the terrible score for the river. 4 is the best core that the river could have. Most of the score were bad, the score were 2 and 1. That means that it is very bad. Only one was good. In the second fieldtrip that my classmates and I went was 1-4 was the numbers. When we finish we found some bugs. Some bugs were fast and some weren't fast. They were all kind of bugs in the Chicago River. There were fat ones and skinny ones. There were a lot of cool geoses too. Some geoses had a family. After whey finish we had to school. Then two days later we got the results it was bad. Most of it was 1 and 2. There a way to kip the Chicago River clean, It is to not to throw things in the water. The fish are dying because of the bad things the river has. That makes the fish die. If the Chicago River is still have garbage less fish will be there.

Sincerely, Wagner Regalizo

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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

PCT#219

Hello! My name is Kimberlee and I am a student at Thomas J. Waters Elementary school. My class and I have recently been going back and forth to the Chicago River. We have been taking tests to see if the river is in a very dreadful condition. So far our results have showed that the river is in terrible condition and that is not good. Especially for the creatures that live there! The river is a home to many living things that depend on the river for survival. Our tests have showed that the dissolved oxygen is very little there. Only 39% or 4 parts per million (4ppm) dissolved oxygen is left in the river. There is an also coliform bacterium that is in our river, it showed up as positive in our tests. The river used to be so clear as a crystal back then, now it's filled with harmful bacteria that devour the oxygen in the water.

Remember, the river is a home to many animals and marine life. If the river doesn't get any improved, all life that surrounds the river will be lost. I would like to ask you to increase the disinfection, clarification, and oxygenation in the river. Please, the river and fish depends on you!!! Only you can build a better environment for the Chicago River. ☺

Sincerely Yours,

Kimberlee Ombalino

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Dear Illinois State Pollution Control Board,

PC# 220

The six graders from Thomas J. Waters Elementary school just took a chance to walk through the Chicago River on Monday, May, 11, 2009 and did some tests on the Chicago River. I'm one of the students of this six grade class and when we got the results, I was disappointed and I couldn't believe how polluted the Chicago River was. With the pollutants, it could destroy our environments' appearance and it could extinct the animals that live in it. If we don't clean up our situation, then the people from Chicago would live their lives miserable because of the Chicago River, smelling all acrid. We could all prevent this pollution to worsen by to stop dumping sewage in the water. People that works in the sewage company could've dump the sewage somewhere rather than the River. Animals could die and our wild life would also go extinct. Another solution for this crisis is to prevent people from littering and have more trash cans and recycle bins near the Chicago River.

There are many ways to solve our environment issue like this is in Chicago, but I hope someday this could be resolve by people that really do care for our city. I wish the Illinois Pollution Control Board grant my wish and make an act to help our Chicago River.

Sincerely,

Mayrel Deguzman, Chicago