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#P.C. 306
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RE: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I support 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.

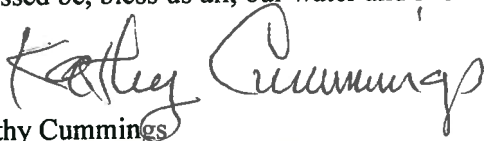
As you know, these changes - long overdue after five (5) years of study on the CAWS and seven on the Lower Des Plaines - support the Illinois EPA's effort and approve the changes.

I think it's 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..

As a society, it's our moral obligation to achieve the highest potential for shared resources - especially water.

Blessed be, bless us all, our water and Mother Earth,



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