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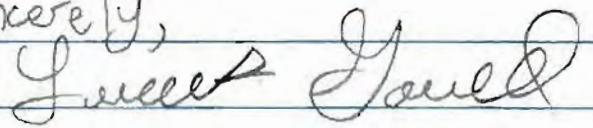
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I canoe with my family all the time in the Chicago River. I go to school at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. I am 13 years old. I have been learning about the condition of the river. I am very concerned about the state of our water. I think that we, the people of Chicago, deserve a clean river because I want to be able to swim, canoe, and have other fun in the river without fear of getting sick. Some benefits of cleaning the river would be another primary water source, more jobs, swimming, and a prettier environment in downtown. I would like you to add disinfectant to our water so we can enjoy all the benefits of our wonderful river.

Sincerely,

 Janelle

Pc#511

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

A few times in my life, I have passed or stopped by the disgusting Chicago river. I would visit my cousin who lived along the side in an apartment building. I would look over the fence would see many things not meant to be in the river like; a fake alligator head, tennis balls, garbage, food, clothes; and much more. It was also a greenish-brown color. Imagine living in these conditions. It would be awful. People could get hurt, sick, or worse. If it keeps getting polluted, people may not even be able to go near it from all the gross bacteria it has. We could lose one of our water sources. On behalf of BZAEDS and myself, I hope that we can fix this problem... and get a new, fresher,

Chicago River!

Sincerely,

Sammié Leon

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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board, RE: R08-009

Whenever I pass the Chicago River, I always see the disgusting garbage inside of it. I see plastic bags, beer bottles, coke cans, trash from food clothes, and even one time, someone found a refrigerator! EWW! Those things are not meant to be

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In the river! Some people don't even go to the river because of how gross it is! We are 1 of the last 2 states who keep bacteria in their water. We need to fix this!

When people think of the city of Chicago, they think, what a wonderful place! But, when tourists come here and they see the river, they probably say, this is an awesome city but it has a terrible and disgusting river!

Also, the river is so polluted that some people are even getting hurt! If it keeps being this way, our population could decrease, and eventually, people may not even be able to go near it! On behalf of BZAEDS, we want the bacteria out of the river! Hopefully, these problems will be fixed soon so we can fully enjoy the river!

Please take this into consideration...

Sincerely,

Jenny Tallering



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Re: Rule Making R08-009

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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of myself, I am writing to express my ideas about our polluted river, and how we NEED to clean it up. Every summer I go on a boat tour, on/along the Chicago River, and when I see the

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Sparkling green-blue water, I wish I could just jump in.

Then I look closer, & realize that the rivers not "Sparkling blue-green", its a murky, mucky, mess, and I CANT swim in it, even if I wanted to jump into that gross slime. Then

I feel sad, because rivers are for swimming in! Not for watching them turn all dirty and polluted! I think (actually - I know) that we would all benefit from a river "cleaning".

If all the chemicals were gone, it would be so much better! Imagine all the fun activities we could all do: canoeing, swimming, kayaking. Thats what our river is for!

WOW, imagine that! Do you want our "river" to dissapear? NO, I didnt think so... Well the river will basically "dissapear" if we dont give it a little clean up. We wont be able to do ANYTHING with/in it! Hence, you can see my concern regarding the river... And you should be concerned too, its OUR river! Anyway,

Thanks and Good Luck,

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RE: Kvie Making RO8-004

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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day

School, of Chicago, and of all of Illinois, I would like to express my support to clean up the Chicago River, by taking out most of the bacteria.

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These changes are long overdue and are extremely important to our community.

I have not gone to the Chicago River recently (swimming, canoeing, kayaking, etc.)

because of how gross it is. There is too much bacteria, and is not even close to clean

enough".

This coming week we are going to the river to clean some of it up. Though the Chicago River cannot be cleaned by just one class. It has to be cleaned by the whole city. It has to be cleaned by you. You are the ones who can make such a huge difference with the bacteria in the river.

Notice. Look. Do you see it? We are one of two states not taking out the bacteria. Even though the river's cleanliness has gotten better, there is still 20,000 strands of bacteria when there should be ⁵⁰⁰.



Thank you for listen to my concerns for the Chicago River. sincerely,

Ariel Stem

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

My name is Jessica Kubert and I am in 7th grade at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. My classmates and I are concerned about the standards for environmental law set in 1972. I believe that the standards are too low and that many people would love to be able to swim or do other recreational activities in the river. One year my family and I did a canoeing race in the river during a Friends of the Chicago River event. It was so much fun and I would like to be able to go in the river more often. My father, Charles Kubert, just died a month ago from cancer. He did a lot of work with the river. He was really passionate about environmental work and inspired me to do the same. I hope that my letter will persuade you to help the river and raise the environmental standards.

Sincerely,
Jessica

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PC#517

RE: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I am surprised that the river is not completely cleaned up. When I think of my generation, I think that all of the the problems that used to devastate this world are gone. But now I know that my generation will inherit the work and the leadership and the control of your generation; we will inherit all of the problems, all of the wars and eventually the world will face a population crisis which would almost be impossible to get out of. There is a problem in my backyard called the Chicago River. It could go into an even worse state than it was in the 1800 and the early to mid 1900s. It could be bad enough to kill people if water from the river comes into contact with our skin. The river is overpopulated with bacteria.

The defense is being lazy, causing an extra two dollars a year, not enough to make a difference. Just clean up the river!!! We, the future of the city of Chicago are putting up a fight to clean up the river. The city of Chicago can do it, they just do not want to. It is simple and it is not expensive to do. Just please take out the bacteria because it kills the fish and it might go into lake Michigan. Other people will sue us, so much extra work.

I know you might think we are a bunch of kids who are out of our minds, but sometimes kids are right. You might not believe us because you think we are too young, I am 12 years old that is more than old enough to understand that this will become a problem and that my generation will have to deal with this problem because you will be stubborn. I do not want to eventually drink water that is dangerous and when I go canoeing I will not get a rash and I will not be sick. On behalf of my family and my community, clean up the river.

Sincerely, Andrew Bedows, a third generation Chicagoan

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board, Pct#518

Every time in my life when I pass the Chicago River, I see its grusome ways. I see water cups, bottles, plastic bags, beer bottles etc.

When I think of my city I think what a beautiful place! Its great and everyone likes it. But think about the tourists that come to Chicago, and want to cano in the Chicago river well they cant. The water has TOUS of bacteria that gives people rashes and make's them sick. Do you really want that? If I can canou in our city it would be wonderful. So why not help us?

If we could take the bacteria out of our water, every thing in this city would start out. Navy pier, Willis tower, downtown, and even the Chicago river. I think we should fix the gross river.

Thanks for your consideration,

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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

Hello! My name is Jenna Galowich, I'm 12 years old, and I'm writing you to tell you why I think it is important that the Chicago River is cleaned. As you probably know, the river is filled with bacteria. I'm also sure you know that people enjoy kayaking on the river as well. When people kayak on the river, the water sometimes splashes onto their skin. When this does happen, those people get rashes on their skin from all the bacteria in the water. Not only that, but I personally would like to be able to swim in the river someday, without risking my health. Not only do I want to enjoy the river, but I'm sure you do too. In fact, I'm sure a lot of people in the city of Chicago would like to enjoy the river. If you don't fix this problem, we could repeat history. People could die from waterborne diseases, and I'm sure you don't want citizens to die, right? And I'm also sure you don't want the public's health risked, right? I hope you make the right choice in this matter, which is to disinfect the river.

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Sincerely,
Jenna Galowich

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I am Alana Beck and I go to school at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School and I'm in 7th grade. We have been learning all about the Chicago River and last week Mark Hauer came and talked to us about the Friends of the Chicago River and all the pollution and waste going into the river. I want the Illinois Pollution Control Board to have clean water and disinfection now. The amount of waste going in the river each day is really bad and gross. If we had clean water, we could go canoeing, swimming, and many other fun activities in the river. Let's all make a change together!

Sincerely,

Alana Beck

~~Matt~~

Matthew Friend pot 521

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Dear Mr. Theriault,

I am Matthew Friend. I am 12 years old,
born in Chicago. The other day, coincidentally,
I was driving past the Chicago river. I
looked at my mom, with a quizzical look,
and asked her why it looked so disgusting?
I thought to myself this is Chicago, why
is there something so nasty? And then it
occured to me. Let's clean this thing up!
But how? If I only knew away. Oh,
that's right you can! So please get
it cleaned!

Sincerely,

Matthew Friend

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Dear Mr. Theriault, I want you to visualize something, close your eyes. It is the near distant future and there are many families enjoying a great day at the river, canoeing, kayaking and swimming. Now picture gross green water full of sewage and no one can swim in it. That is what the river looks like now, and the image that I had you picture first could be the future. My name is Daniel Ezerman, I'm 12 years old, and I would like you to try and disinfect the water before dumping it into the river. If the river was clean, then we could all have picnics by it and swim and fish in it. I went kayaking on the 4th of July and I've got to tell you, the water is gross. It's green and I didn't see any fish. I really hope that you can make the river better. We have been learning about the river in my school and I have to say, but how you guys are not helping, really doesn't make me happy. I hope that you can do something about it.

Sincerely, Daniel Ezerman

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I am a 7th grade student from Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School in Chicago. Every year, each grade level (up to 8th grade) participates in a unique service-learning project. This year, my grade's project is about being eco-friendly. We are specifically interested in learning about what is being done in Chicago to be eco friendly. One of the most polluted parts of Chicago we have learned is the Chicago River. On Monday, we are taking a trip to the river through an organization called Friends of the Chicago River. The organization sent in a speaker to teach us about the river and some of the things we learned were astounding! 1.2 **billion** gallons of raw sewage is poured into the river every day, which eventually makes its way to the lake, which we swim in and use as our water supply.

I am writing this letter to you to try and make a difference as best as I can. I want the Illinois Pollution Control Board to make more of an effort to disinfect water and make sure that clean water is distributed to all of Chicago. When Chicago was created, it was made a law that clean water will be accessible to all citizens of Chicago and we aren't doing a good job of following this law. And cleaning bacteria and sewage out of the river might cost money but it will create jobs for many people, which is needed in this recession. Also, cleaning the river would improve the quality of Chicago and give a boost to tourism. Imagine if we could swim, canoe, and relax by the river without being worried that sewage and bacteria could cover us. Please think about this, for the sake of Chicago.

Thanks you for your time,
Jonah Moroh
Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School Student

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Dear Mr. Therrault,

Hello I am Alex, and I go to the school Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. At school this year we learning about pollution and how we can prevent it. One of the places we are learning about that is polluted is the Chicago River. We learned that the Chicago River is so polluted that we can't swim in it. People are still putting sewage in it and chemicals. My point is that we just want a healthy river and I hope you can help us with that.

yours truly,
Alex

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PC#525

Dear Mr. Therriault,

I'm Izzi, a 7th grader at Bernard
Zell Anshe Emet Day School where we're
learning about the environment and
how awful the conditions of the
Chicago River are. The river could be
beautiful and useful if it was clean.
We could swim, canoe, fish, etc. without
being afraid of being presented with
dangerous bacteria. At the new Whole
Foods, on North and Clybourn, the deck
overlooks the gross, brown river that
should be a beautiful view. Please
help us make an effort to make it cleaner.

Sincerely,
Izzi

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Pat Sale

Dear Mr. Therriault,

Hello! My name is Maddie Oliff and I am a 13 year old student at the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School.

We are beginning to study about the environment, especially the local Chicago environment. Because of this, we have been studying the Chicago River and I am concerned about the laws set in 1972. I have just learned that 1.2 billion gallons of sewage are dumped into our river everyday after no proper disinfection. I know that if everyone knew that statistic, most people would not be very happy. I think that we need to change these laws so that we change the statistics. Is it only the issue of money that is pushing the city of Chicago away from our water crisis? Though money is a problem, the cleaning of the river would provide new jobs. I ask you to look at the positives and negatives of this situation and make the right decision.

Sincerely,

Maddie Oliff

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I'm Jackson Unikel. I'm 12 years old and I go to Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. I want the Illinois Pollution Control Board to improve water quality by disinfecting water released into the water. If the water were cleaner, people would be able to canoe or swim. In it's current state, no one, even dares to go into the water. I hope that you can help with this problem. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jackson Unikel

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Dear Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of Bernard Zell Anshe Emet

Day School, I am writing to you today to talk about a very serious issue that has come up. As you already know, the river has too much bacteria in it. Everyone at my school would like this problem to be dealt with.

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When I swim in the river, I don't want to run the risk of getting a rash or getting sick. Would you want your children or their children to not be able to play in the river, all because you weren't able to clean the river. But maybe if you did they would acknowledge you as the hero of the river. It's your choice, you decide the fate of the river.

Sincerely,
Adam Hirschorn



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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I think that the river has reached a point where people don't want to go in it anymore, and that is unacceptable. I am concerned that the pollution rate is too high. If we could disinfect the sewage water that is being poured into the river, the Chicago people could use and enjoy the river so much more. For example, people could canoe, fish, and maybe even swim a little. The river has turned green and brown. This river reflects negatively on our city, and we don't want that. So please, if you could just put this into deep thought, maybe you could try to improve our beautiful city and disinfect the water.

Sincerely,

Marilee Left

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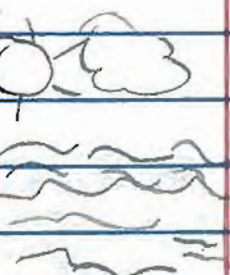
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Dear Mr. Therriault,

My name is Rachel, I'm 12 years old, and I'm in 7th grade at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. We have been learning a lot about the Chicago River and the awful condition it is in. We want the Illinois Pollution Control Board to improve the quality of the water by disinfecting the water before releasing it into the river.



A CLEAN river could mean we would have another source of drinking water. Imagine a river full of kayakers, swimmers, and waterskiers, some of the great and exciting things we could have and do if our river was clean.



Cleaner

When I imagine the Chicago River, I think of greenish/brownish murky and smelly water. I wish I could think of clear blue water and sunny skies. I hope you listen to my letter and clean the river.

Sincerely,
Rachel

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Dear Mrs. Therridult,

Do you like canoeing? How would you like to canoe in the Chicago River? Hello, I'm Charlotte. I'm 12 years old, and I go to Bernard Zell anshe emet da school. Did you know that 1.2 **BILLION** gallons of untreated sewage go into the Chicago River everyday. Don't you think it's disgusting? Don't you want to change that? Here's a suggestion, how do you use disinfectant? We all know that there is a lack of jobs in Chicago, well this gives more temporary jobs. It will also give clean drinking water and a nice place to canoe.

Sincerely,
Charlotte

← This is water from the Chicago River

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Dear Illinois pollution control board,

I think that to ensure safety and health in Chicago we need to purify the water and get anything that could harm us or animals out of the river. Chicago is a wonderful to be and, I love to be able to look out on the river with my family. Kicking down the river is also something that I love doing with my family, I look forward to it every winter. But when there are harmful bacteria's it is much less fun because I know that I am running the risk of getting a rash, or even getting sick. In order to ensure that this will not happen we need to put the antibacterial killer in the river. If you have a family right now or hope to have one in the future you think about the wonderful memories you can make with them by or even in the river. I send this letter on behalf of the youth of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Jonah Abrahams

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Dear Illinois pollution control Board,

I think that you should clean the river because I know people who have gotten sick from going into the river. Also, I want to be able to swim in the river but I cannot because of the bacteria. Finally you should clean the river because I guarantee everybody in Chicago would like the river to be clean because it will just make Chicago a better city.

From,

Eli Malkin

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express my support for recommended

Water quality standard improvements. It's very important to me - and most of the citizens who live in Chicago - that the water in our river is clean. Currently, it's dirty, polluted, unhealthy, and unsanitary for people who get close to it. For the sake of our health and personal connection, I stress that we have our water improved and get rid of as much disease and bacteria as possible.

I am 12 years old and I've only been boating a few times in my lifetime - when I did, I had to do it in Wisconsin because the rivers are clean there. I have constantly driven over the Chicago River and wondered what it smells, sounds, feels, and even smells like to go kayaking, canoeing, or even swimming! It would be an awesome adventure to explore it!

In the 1700's, the Chicago River was used as a major food and water source for the Natives - it was sanitary and unpolluted. Currently, there is litter, bacteria, and diseases. I hope that with special treatment, it can be as it was in the 1700's!

Sincerely,

Julia Porter (age 12)

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

My name is Julia Lawson, and I go to Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. We have been studying about the Chicago River and its condition. I see it very different than most people; it serves as our personal trash can. We dump all our trash and sewage into the river, it's not even there. All I want is for the Illinois Pollution Control Board to improve the water quality by disinfecting water released into the river. If this great dream of mine came true, family and friends would be able to spend time at the river. Just imagine a clean sun filled river, shimmering deep

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blue line for every one to see a million

Kayaks floating, bringing families together.

Kids playing, having fun in the sun. See, I,

a 1/2 year old citizen of Chicago, know

I might not be able to ever experience

this great image of the river I have,

but maybe our next generations could our

kids, and their kids. SO. please, please

consider this. Thank you

love,

JULIA