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Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

Thank you for your First Notice which recognizes that the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River are being used for recreational purposes. I support Illinois EPA's proposal to require disinfection at MWRD sewage plants, and to protect aquatic life in these waters from thermal pollution.

The Chicago River has been a pathway for pathogens for too long! Running through the heart of the Chicago Region the river has long been denied some of the basic goals of the Clean Water Act namely that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill.

PC# 974

The Chicago Area Waterways and Lower Des Plaines River are important Illinois resources. As you move forward with the rulemaking process, I urge you to require MWRD to disinfect the sewage it discharges to these waterways.

Sincerely,

Jane Ward
21816 E US 24 Hwy
Lewistown, IL 61542-9443

From: Chantal Buslot <chanti@odie.be>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/4/2011 7:32 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Jun 4, 2011

Mr. John Therriault
100 West Randolph St., Ste 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

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Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Chantal Buslot
Meybroekstraat 46
Hasselt, None 35100

PC# 975

From: Deborah Dykstra <deborah.dykstra@att.net>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/4/2011 12:33 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,
Debbie Dykstra
935 Cherry St
Hammond, IN 46324

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deborah Dykstra
935 Cherry St
Hammond, IN 46324-1609

From: Gerrit Crouse <gerrit.crouse@gmail.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/4/2011 3:33 PM
Subject: Chicago River Sewage

Jun 4, 2011

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Chicago, IL 60601

PC#977

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US EPA has recently directed IL EPA to enact stricter regulations to protect the public from the polluted water of the Chicago River. As an emeritus member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS), I ask you to proactively address the issue of disinfection to protect the citizens of Chicago.

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Reference:

"Summary for Decision-makers", /Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Synthesis/ (Washington, DC: Island Press, 2005).

Sincerely,

Dr. Gerrit Crouse
38 4th Ave
Apt 2n
Nyack, NY 10960-2119

John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

From: marilyn miller <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/4/2011 4:05 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#978

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Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

marilyn miller
la mesa, CA

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at www.change.org/petitions/4-stop-dumping-raw-sewage-into-the-chicago-river. To respond, email responses@change.org and include a link to this petition. 

John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

From: stephanie Bass <mail@change.org>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/4/2011 5:01 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,

stephanie Bass
prescott valley, AZ

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From: Joseph Sabol <j-sabol@sbcglobal.net>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/5/2011 10:04 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Pct# 980

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph Sabol
316 Harrison St
Marquette, MI 49855-3316

From: Jacqueline Rossi <jgreit@yahoo.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/5/2011 12:05 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#981

Jun 5, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Mrs. Jacqueline Rossi
398 Argyle
Birmingham, ME 48009-1566

From: Barbara Ginsberg <barbaran2323@gmail.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/5/2011 1:35 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PCH 982

Jun 5, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Ms. Barbara Ginsberg
121 Blaine St
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-2801

From: william renninger <billrenninger75@yahoo.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/5/2011 2:05 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,

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Mr. William Renninger
8 Cris Dr
Eldred, PA 16731-4414

From: "C. K." <dudette53147@yahoo.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/5/2011 9:06 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC# 984

Jun 5, 2011

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Sincerely,

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Ms. C. K.
Buckby Rd.
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

From: janet willcutt <jwillcutt73@gmail.com>
To: <therria@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/6/2011 3:06 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC# 985

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Ms. Janet Willcutt
deervale dr
Nashville, TN 37217

From: Tim McCullough <marcopolo332003@yahoo.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/6/2011 5:06 AM
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9805 admiral ninotz
Abq, NM 87111

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To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 6/6/2011 1:37 PM
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