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From: Lucia Calderon-Arrieta <lcaldero@bsc.edu>  
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
Date: 6/7/2011 12:08 AM  
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Jun 7, 2011

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

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PC# 988

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Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Lucia Calderon-Arrieta  
8530 Sterling Dr  
Mobile, AL 36695-3640

**From:** Sarah Garrity <sarahgarrity1@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 6/7/2011 1:08 AM  
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Mrs. Sarah Garrity  
405 E 16th St  
Brooklyn, NY 11226-5668

*PCA# 989*

**John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage**

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**From:** Lena Rehberger <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 6/7/2011 4:25 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Lena Rehberger  
Grebenhain, Germany

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](http://www.change.org/petitions/4-stop-dumping-raw-sewage-into-the-chicago-river). To respond, email [responses@change.org](mailto:responses@change.org) and include a link to this petition. 

**From:** Michelle Casey <mlc6289@gmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 6/7/2011 5:08 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Miss Michelle Casey  
3815 S Yaqui Dr  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001-6694

**From:** John Natelli <john.natelli@gmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 6/7/2011 2:37 PM  
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Mr. John Natelli  
1011 49th St  
Sacramento, CA 95819-3802

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**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 6/7/2011 4:07 PM  
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