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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

John Therriault, Chief Clerk
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Attention Docket #R2008-09
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

PC # 1205

Dear Mr. Therriault,

My name is Marko Danilovski and I am writing you this letter because the alarming facts that are being released by numerous sources including our daily newspaper in regards to the contamination of our home town Chicago River desperately seeks for some positive action from our leaders. Too often do I open newspaper or watch daily news (especially during the summer time) do I hear about problematic sewage disposals to the river, present trash dumps polluting the, and high bacterial levels which in return prohibits public from enjoying the river by engaging in daily activities such as fishing or swimming. My family considers Chicago River as a family bridge since it brings us together in summer time for many water sport activities such as fishing, and canoeing. Unfortunately, if no immediate action is taken, I am afraid that the Chicago River will become too dangerous for any public use.

Recent positive developments have been made to disinfect the sewage outlets at Northside of the river by placing water treatment systems at its sites, but why stop there? Why not place these waters treatment systems at all the sewage plants that discharge into the Chicago River? This would decrease the levels of dangerous bacteria's coming into the river tremendously. When it comes to trash disposal issue, I would strongly suggest raising violation

fees for unauthorized trash dumping into the river. Moreover, I did not notice a lot of signs informing our public that disposing trash is illegal. I know it seems logical to many of us but posting reminders can only bring a good feedback. Moreover, if people were blasted with signs warning them of possible high violation fees, they would probably think twice before throwing garbage in the river. Also, posting few educational boards along the riverside would be extremely beneficial. It will raise awareness among people and letting them know what they can do to keep the river safe will inspire them to take some actions and be responsible. Meaning, being more cautious themselves, and report to our officials for any illegal actions that they might witness.

Chicagoans including myself are well aware that the costs of cleaning up the river are high but we also know that it will be worth it. I urge you to support the cleanup of our Chicago River because it is time for Chicagoans to truly see the full potential of this magnificent river.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marko Danilovski', written over a horizontal line.

Marko Danilovski
458 W Touhy Ave Lot 519
Des Plaines IL 60018

Deep Shah
6106 N. Francisco Ave
Chicago, IL 60659

John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

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DEC 20 2011

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

PC#1216

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

I am writing to express my concern for the water quality in the Chicago River. I live by the north branch of the Chicago River, and the river is very dirty because of all the sewage. This not only affects the citizens around the river because of the smell, but also the organisms living in the water. Just passing by the Chicago River and noticing the green shade, one can tell there is too much pollution in the water. Something must be done to protect the river from gaining more toxins, and restricting the amount of sewage dropped. The Clean Water Act of 1972 was enacted to help pollution control, and I believe we need to do more to help the Chicago River.

Although the river is already severely polluted, it is not too late to start controlling how much sewage is dropped into the water daily. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District should start to clean the river and rid it of the wastes and bacteria. In addition to this, I believe there should be standards on the water temperature to protect the fish living in the river. This is not going to immediately stop the pollution, but over time it will be worth it, and will pay off.

The Chicago River is a very important body of water for Chicagoans. Chicago is known as a tourist attraction, and when tourists look at the Chicago River, it gives them the feeling we do not care about the environment. This lessens the likeliness of tourists coming back to Chicago, which reduces the revenue the city makes from visitors every year, which was approximately \$29.3 billion in 2010. Enacting laws to clean up the river might seem like it would not have an effect on this, but I know I would not visit a city with dirty water. Even if the clean rivers add an addition \$1 million, it is still additional revenue which can be used to pay off the costs of cleaning.

Sincerely,



Deep Shah

From: Muriel Servaege <fraser01@scarlet.be>
To: <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>
Date: 11/21/2011 12:13 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Nov 21, 2011

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

PC#1217

Dear Mr. Therriault,

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Please begin work immediately to implement the changes needed to begin disinfection of the water destined for the Chicago River.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Muriel Servaege
Rue de la Synagogue, 7
Arion, None 06700

From: Andrew Foy <andrewcfoy@gmail.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 11/21/2011 6:44 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Nov 21, 2011

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

Pct#1218

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Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Andrew Foy
410 Roberts St
Houston, TX 77003-2443

From: Deborah Burckhardt <ethoethien@hotmail.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 11/21/2011 10:14 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Nov 21, 2011

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

PC#1219

Dear Mr. Therriault,

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Please begin work immediately to implement the changes needed to begin disinfection of the water destined for the Chicago River.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Miss Deborah Burckhardt
Third St
San Rafael, CA 94901

From: liz provenzano <provenzano@yahoo.com>
To: <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>
Date: 11/22/2011 7:16 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#1220

Nov 22, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Therriault,

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Please begin work immediately to implement the changes needed to begin disinfection of the water destined for the Chicago River.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Ms. liz provenzano
11946 Kiowa Ave Apt 4
Los Angeles, CA 90049-5922

From: Denise Lytle <centauress6@live.com>
To: <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>
Date: 11/26/2011 1:24 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Nov 26, 2011

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

PC# 1221

Dear Mr. Therriault,

As a supporter of American Rivers, I am writing to ask you to kill the pathogens that are contained in the sewage released into the Chicago River every day.

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Please begin work immediately to implement the changes needed to begin disinfection of the water destined for the Chicago River.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Miss Denise Lytle
73 Poplar St
Fords, NJ 08863-1836

From: Nancy Streu <nancystreu@uwplatt.edu>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 12/4/2011 2:14 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC# 1222

Dec 4, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Therriault,

As a supporter of American Rivers, I am writing to ask you to kill the pathogens that are contained in the sewage released into the Chicago River every day.

I am 18 years old and am a citizen of Arlington Heights, but am currently living in Wisconsin because I am a college student at University of Wisconsin-Platteville going into environmental engineering.

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At the end of this week I will be presenting a speech to my class on the current need to protect our rivers, and hope to convince others to send you a similar letter. Most of these students are not from the Chicagoland area, but we all must realize that the pollution in one river effects many.

Please begin work immediately to implement the changes needed to begin disinfection of the water destined for the Chicago River.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Miss Nancy Streu

408 W Braeside Dr
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-2058

From: Edward Roland <ejrochicago@hotmail.com>
To: <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>
Date: 12/10/2011 11:00 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC# 1 223

Dec 10, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Therriault,

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Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Edward Roland

Sincerely,

Mr. Edward Roland
170 N Valley Rd
Barrington, IL 60010-3448

From: bradley cromer <bcromer42@gmail.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 12/16/2011 7:49 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC# 1224

Dec 16, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Therriault,

As a supporter of American Rivers, I am writing to ask you to kill the pathogens that are contained in the sewage released into the Chicago River every day.

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Mr. bradley cromer
109 Chestnut St
Elkins, WV 26241-3566

From: A Kerwin <amylynnk26@gmail.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 12/17/2011 1:49 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#1225

Dec 17, 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,
A. Kerwin
Chicago, IL 60647

Sincerely,

Miss A Kerwin
2134 N Point St
Chicago, IL 60647-4019

From: Ellen Mccabe <mccabee53@gmail.com>
To: <therriaj@pcb.state.il.us>
Date: 12/18/2011 4:23 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#1226

Dec 18, 2011

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

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Ms. Ellen Mccabe
8131 31st Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98126-3535

From: Ahley Sherwood <ashley.sherwood@live.com>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 12/22/2011 10:02 PM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

PC#1227

Dec 22, 2011

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

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Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Miss Ahley Sherwood
PO Box 182
Washingtonville, PA 17884-0182

From: Kathleen Corby <corbydesign@fairpoint.net>
To: <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>
Date: 1/1/2012 10:23 AM
Subject: Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Jan 1, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Therriault,

As a supporter of American Rivers, I am writing to ask you to kill the pathogens that are contained in the sewage released into the Chicago River every day.

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Sincerely,

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Ms. Kathleen Corby
58 Poplar Ave
Pine Plains, NY 12567-5531

PC#1228