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Sincerely,

Dr. Nikki Bottum
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Sincerely,

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Saint Charles, IL 60175-5178
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Shouldn't future generations be able to enjoy the wildlife as we have? Our earth and its lifegiving assets should be given priority.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Jane Myers
805 Grandview Way
Germantown Hills, IL 61548-9143

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John Therriault, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
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RE: Rule Making R08-009

PC#407

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of my family I am writing to express my support for 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.

These changes are long overdue and recommended only after five years of study on the CAWS and seven on the Lower Des Plaines. We should all support the Illinois EPA's effort and approve the changes.

As a resident of Chicago and part of a large kayak family, I think it is 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.

Over the years, the entire CAWS system has changed dramatically. The water, once full of raw sewage and industrial filth, has vastly improved through the leadership of agencies like the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and its Tunnel and Reservoir Plan. Public access has increased considerably as local governments incorporated these rivers into their master planning. The City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, and suburbs like Blue Island and Skokie have poured millions into river access for paddling, fishing, and orew. And so much work has been done to improve habitat and control pollution that in the Chicago River system, species of fish have climbed from under 10 to nearly 70, including game fish favorites like large-mouth bass and bluegill and yellow perch.

Because a review like this only comes along every 20 years, right now we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to continue our momentum by supporting the Illinois EPA recommendations so we can make the next quantum leap forward in water quality.

There is no magic bullet and or all-in-one measure that can eliminate water pollution but we know that if we want the Chicago River to continue to improve and serve our communities as a recreational, natural and economic resource, disinfection and the rest of the Illinois EPA's recommendations are essential.

I believe that as a society it is our moral obligation to ensure that we work to achieve the highest potential for shared resources, including and especially water. And as stewards of these natural resources, we should not be seeking the minimum in improvement, but the maximum.

Thank you,



Ms. Carol Raabe
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Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Lefferdink
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Unit E
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PC#409

I am very concerned about water quality in our waterways and the MWRA inability to treat sewer effluent.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Christine Carlyle
1810 N Larrabee St
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I periodically bike along the river and canoe on the river several times a year. I believe that it is a disgrace that Chicago is 1 of 25 major urban centers that does not disinfect their effluent. This situation has gone on far too long. It is time to act to immediately require the MWRD to disinfect using UV or other technology.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Craig Coit
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Chicago, IL 60645-5321
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A basic tenet of the Clean Water Act is that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." Currently the Chicago River fails to meet these goals because the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District is not required to disinfect sewage discharge. Please consider requiring the MWRD to disinfect all sewage to avoid putting people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill and allow us to fully enjoy our waterways.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Molly Schemper
1808 W 21st Pl
Chicago, IL 60608-4306
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Sincerely,

Mr. Justin Hart
4866 N Ashland Ave Apt 3E
Chicago, IL 60640-3447

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PC#413

We enjoy kayaking on the river. It's past time to ensure that what goes into our river is not contaminated.
Please help.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Deb Korb
541 N Hartland Ct
Chicago, IL 60622-6052

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Sincerely,

Marian Carow
801 S Wells St
Apt 209
Chicago, IL 60607-4522

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The Chicago River is a tremendous recreational resource. But as a canoeist, I put myself at risk for disease whenever I paddle this stream running through my hometown. The Clean Water Act states that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) should be required to have its treatment plants disinfect the water it releases so it does not put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill.

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Sincerely,

Tom Judge
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The notion that because it requires effort the waste water shouldn't be filtered is laughable.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Benjamin Stein
2716 W Logan Blvd
Chicago, IL 60647-1832
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda McCarthy
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Lansing, IL 60438-3370
(708) 474-3550

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I've never seen a city squander away such a precious resource as a river running thru all parts of the city. Please correct the wrongness being done and give back to the people of Chicago a clean river.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Nick Behr
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Mr. Brian Ahern
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