

RE: Rule Making RO8-0001(A)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

DEAR Illinois Pollution Control Board,

On behalf of my family, I am writing to you to express my support for the purifying of the Chicago River proposed by the Illinois EPA for the C.A.W.S and Lower Des Plains River. In my letter, I hope to stress the importance of having a clean & healthy river. The changes to the quality of cleanliness of the Chicago & Lower Des Plains Rivers should have been made years ago. Now is the TIME to take action.

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As a citizen of Illinois, I drive by parts of the river every day, (on my way to soccer, school, my dad's office, etc.) and let me say, it is pretty gross. The water smells funky & looks a murky shade of green. Not only is this a reflection on how we treat our natural resources, but how we treat the people of Illinois as well. People who kayak in the river get rashes from bacterial exposure, & people can't swim in the river because there are 20,000 strands of bacteria in the water (the highest safe amount is 500 strands). Forty-eight of the U.S states clean the bacteria out of their water, so why don't we? Don't you want people to be able to enjoy the river? Isn't it a



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little embarrassing that our river



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is four hundred times dirtier than it should be?
I understand you have the technology, and I truly
believe that the extra money people will pay
will truly be worth the cause.

I hope you take me seriously + take my
letter into consideration, have a nice rest
of your day.

Sincerely,
Isabella Fehel
"Bella"