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Illinois Pollution Control Board  
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Chicago, IL 60601

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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,

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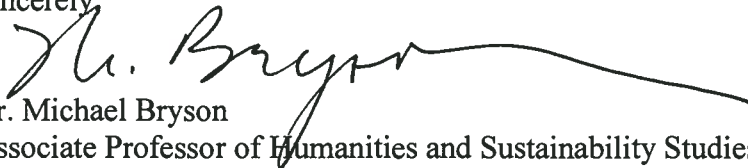
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The Chicago River is one of northeastern Illinois' most valuable yet uncared for natural resources. Given its importance as an ecological, economic, and cultural resource, it is paramount that Chicago should bring its river up to 21st century standards of cleanliness by disinfecting wastewater effluent and by completing the TARP effort, which will mitigate the frequency of combined sewage overflows into these urban waterways.

As someone who teaches at an urban university located near the Chicago River, takes students on field trips around and on local waterways, and lives in Joliet in the watershed of the Lower Des Plaines River, I strongly support all measures aimed at the conservation and restoration of urban waterways.

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