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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Pollution Control Board

Thank you for your First Notice which recognizes that the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River are being used for recreational purposes. I support Illinois EPA's proposal to require disinfection at MWRD sewage plants, and to protect aquatic life in these waters from thermal pollution.

Pct#1004

The Chicago River has been a pathway for pathogens for too long! Running through the heart of the Chicago Region the river has long been denied some of the basic goals of the Clean Water Act namely that all waters should be "drinkable, swimmable and fishable." Failure to disinfect sewage from all Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) treatment plants put both people and wildlife at risk of becoming ill.

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,

Ms. Dolores B. Lynn  
1517 W Waveland Ave  
Chicago, IL 60613-3611

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

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**From:** Janet Chase <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 6/8/2011 5:21 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

pCH 1005

Greetings,

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.

Directly connected to the toilets of Cook County, more than 70 percent of the water in the river is from MWRD plants, and while it receives basic treatment, pathogens remain from human sewage that can harm the thousands of people who use the river. These microorganisms are of particular concern for some special populations, like kids, who have a higher risk of contracting a waterborne illness and have no way of knowing what is in the water. Due to this pollution concern, American Rivers has named the Chicago River one of America's Most Endangered Rivers(TM) of 2011.

The Chicago River has become a true community resource with all kinds of wildlife, new riverfront parks, residential communities, restaurants, and businesses that are dependent on a healthy river. As a region we have spent billions of dollars to clean up the river, but we have not finished the job.

As you know, the U.S. EPA has recently notified Illinois EPA that they must enact stricter regulations that protect the public from the polluted water of the Chicago River. I request that you proactively take steps to tackle the issue of disinfection to protect the citizens of Chicago.


The Clean Water Act requires that we continually improve our waterways to the greatest extent possible. The law clearly states that we need to keep trying until we get it right. The Illinois EPA, and now the U.S. EPA, have recognized that it is time to improve our water quality and establish new standards for how we treat the river. We support the national and state EPA, and call on you to take responsibility for cleaning up the sewage effluent in Chicago's water.

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,

Janet Chase  
Bend, OR

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:** Ellen Garza <ecgarza@gmail.com>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 6/8/2011 10:40 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

Jun 8, 2011

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

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Ms. Ellen Garza  
11338 S Saint Lawrence Ave  
Chicago, IL 60628-5112

PCT# 1006

## John Therriault - Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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**From:** Jim Mock <mail@change.org>  
**To:** <therriaj@ipcb.state.il.us>  
**Date:** 6/9/2011 12:04 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Chicago River from Dirty Sewage

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Sincerely,

Jim Mock  
Medford, OR

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