

# MWRD supports science fair

Every year, representatives from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) join more than 300 scientists, engineers and other professionals in judging seventh- to 12th-grade private and public Chicago student science projects. The 63rd annual citywide science fair competition culminates in a MWRD Board of Commissioners award presentation and Chicago River boat tour.

Students who win top honors at their respective schools' science fairs advance to the regional competition held at the Museum of Science and Industry in March. Sample projects included determining the effects of microwave radiation on plants and human health to gaining a better understanding of the effect of acid rain on plant growth.

Following the distribution of certificates in the MWRD board room, the student sci-

entists and their families toured the Chicago River and Lake Michigan by boat as a real-life MWRD scientist shared information about the real scientific work of the agency.

Local winners included Keira Kirby, seventh-grader at St. Walter Elementary School, with "Sprouting Up;" and Jasmine Muhammad, senior at Morgan Park High School, with "The Effect of Acid Rain on Plant Growth."