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Dear Potential Stakeholder:

As you may be aware, the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) is considering a new water quality standard for chloride for the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River (LDPR) (see <http://www.ipcb.state.il.us/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-85804>); this may result in a chloride limit in respective National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. To address the issue of the new chloride water quality standard and its impact on NPDES permit holders, a work group is being formed to discuss and develop a variance for the chloride standard that would be filed with the IPCB to address the reduction of salt usage in the CAWS using best management practices. Any active member of this work group may become a party to the chloride variance if they so choose.

As an NPDES permit holder with jurisdiction over a large portion of Cook County, Illinois, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) has been asked by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to form and administer a stakeholder group with the ultimate goal of reducing chloride discharges and resulting impacts to the waterways.

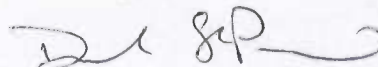
You have been identified as a potential stakeholder and are cordially invited to the kick-off meeting of the CAWS Chloride Reduction Initiative. In this initial meeting, the purpose, goals and implementation of the group will be presented and discussed. The meeting will be held on January 27, 2015, at 10:00 am at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (Auditorium) located at 6001 West Pershing Road in Cicero, IL. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- I. Introduction
- II. Presentation of Chloride Issue by IEPA
- III. Purpose of CAWS Chloride Reduction Initiative
- IV. Role of Stakeholders

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Antonio Quintanilla of my staff at 312-751-5102. Also, please RSVP via e-mail by January 16, 2015 to Ms. Stephanie Jones at [Stephanie.jones@mwr.org](mailto:Stephanie.jones@mwr.org).

We look forward to seeing you on January 27, 2015.

Sincerely,



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