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# Press Release

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## Congressman Mike Quigley works as undercover Treatment Plant Operator

Congressman Mike Quigley served as an undercover treatment plant operator at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in Cicero on Jan. 24. "Congressman Quigley is a great champion of the environment and Illinois," said MWRD President Kathleen Meany. "He continues to support TARP and other environmental and life quality efforts in Cook County. We appreciate his interest in our day to day activities that protect the health and welfare of our region. The tasks we perform are not always glamorous but they are essential for the well being of our constituents. If the Congressman ever decides to change careers, we hope he will consider the District."

"How many of us turn on our faucets each day and take our water for granted? Thankfully the folks at MWRD are working hard 'behind-the-pipes' treating our water to meet the highest standards possible," said Rep. Quigley. "Thank you to everyone at MWRD for such an informative day, for their commitment to protecting our environment and for everything they do to ensure our water supply is clean and safe."

Congressman Quigley's press release can be found at <http://quigley.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=25&itemid=1202>.

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Congressman Quigley with Bill White, Treatment Plant Operator III, in the Stickney WRP Control Room, discussing plant operations.



Congressman Quigley "raking down the dumpster" in the West Side Coarse Screen Building. The screens in this facility remove large objects, sticks, rocks, and tree branches that can cause damage to the pumps at the facility. This task needs to be done every few hours on a normal flow day, hourly during storms.



Congressman Quigley unloading a railroad car full of biosolids into the lagoon at the LASMA facility.

Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwr.org](http://www.mwr.org)) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.