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Re: Replacement of South Western Avenue Bridge (Illinois EPA BOW ID# 990000054) 401 Water Quality Certification (C-0057-24)

To Distribution List:

In accordance with the Illinois EPA's Environmental Justice Policy, the Office of Environmental Justice wants to provide you with information about a potential action. The Illinois EPA is sending this letter to notify you of an application received by the Bureau of Water (BOW).

The Illinois EPA has received an application for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to the Clean Water Act for Replacement of South Western Avenue Bridge located south of W. 31st St and S. Western Ave. at the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in Chicago. The application requests to replace the existing bridge which will be removed via barge.

The application is currently under review by the Illinois EPA's Bureau of Water. Once ready for review, the Illinois EPA will post a public notice/fact sheet and draft permit on its website (<u>https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/section-401-notices.html</u>) and will accept comments during the public notice period. The procedures for public participation in the Water Pollution Control Permit Program can be found at <u>35 III Adm. Code Part 309</u>. Inquiries concerning the availability of public comment or hearing in this matter may be addressed to Barb Lieberoff, Community Relations, at (217) 524-3038, <u>barb.lieberoff@illinois.gov</u>.

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If you have questions about the application, please contact Chris Pressnall, Environmental Justice Coordinator at (217) 524-1284, <u>EPA.OEJ@illinois.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Chris Pressnall Environmental Justice Officer

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