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Re: Reconstruction of the Division Street Bridge over the North Branch of the Chicago River
(Illinois EPA BOW ID# 990000059)
Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (C-0177-24)

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This Environmental Justice notification letter is to inform you that the City of Chicago Dept. of Transportation - Division of Engineering is applying for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to the Clean Water Act for the reconstruction of the Division Street Bridge over the North Branch of the Chicago River. The application requests to replace the existing bascule bridge with a new liftable tiered arch bridge. To keep traffic flowing on Division Street during construction, a temporary bridge will be built next to the current one. The Illinois EPA (IEPA) Bureau of Water (BOW) is reviewing the application. The Office of Environmental Justice welcomes your feedback.

The draft Water Quality Certification and instructions for submitting comments during the public comment period will be available on the IEPA's website (<https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/section-401-notices.html>) once it is ready for review. For questions about the public comment period or a public hearing, contact Barb Lieberoff, Office of Community Relations, at (217) 524-3038 or barb.lieberoff@illinois.gov.

If you would like to sign up to receive notifications by email, please visit the IEPA's Environmental Justice webpage, <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/environmental-justice.html>.

For any other questions, please contact Chris Pressnall, Manager of the Office of Environmental Justice, at (217) 524-1284 or EPA.OEJ@Illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Pressnall".

Chris Pressnall, Manager
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