eague, city at odds over water survey

A group of mostly suburban wom-en have incurred the city of Detroit's wrath for suggesting there may be "problems" with future water quali-

pronouns with nutre water quan-Charlle J. Williams, director of the cliy department which sells water to 118 outlying commonities, said in metro area League of Women Voters (LWV) study "barely mentions" cor-rective actions Defroit is taking to rehabilitate the aging system. "It is an insult to suggest that the director is not spending enough time overseeing the DWSD," Williams wrote, referring to himself in the third person.

THE LWY USED two grants to produce a 39-page outline of the system's problems after saying. "Detention's water is in compliance with all current drinking water standards." But II added that 'our current knowledge is too scanty to establish with confidence the safety of any drinking water."

The report and Williams' rebuttal were unveiled last week at a meeting of the Areawide Water Quality Board (AWQB), a seven-county agency related to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

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Morse of the Southfield-Lathrup-Oak Park league and Adele Pleatman of the West Bloomfield-Farmington Hills league.
Panel members were Florence Adamson and Ann Ramroth of Livenia: Katherine Cushman of Marchael Calman and Anna Hamroth of Livenia: Marchael Calman Bloomfield; Elizabath Kubliman of Grosse Pointe, Marlyn Willson of Downriver Wayne County; and Loma Plointer of Detroit.
The argument started with the root of the water Works Park water treatment planti, a 200-pound roof tile had fallen in the filtration building. "Williams said they 'made on memor of the order ton of corrective action taken by the department."

HERR ARE THE LWV's findings and Williams' rebuttals

• In 1937 there were 384 oil and chemical spills in the Great Lakes and 492 in 1988. Detroit and federal timergency contingency plans need to be expanded and strengthened. No comment from Williams.

• Much capital investment has been delayed. The state estimates it will take 1500 million to correct existing deficiencies.

Williams blamed suburban cus-tomer lawsuits over rates for "a

great deal of delay which persons sale of bonds.

• The city budgeted \$40 million in 1979-80 to rebuild the Water Works Park plant, and costs are now estimated at more than \$100 million, "but as yet the rebuilding has not become."

gun."
Williams: "Contracts are now in

More supervisors, more backup employees, more training are need-ed; professional salaries need im-provement. No comment from Wil-has be

in 1983." The correct flow is 630 milTeatment Plant is the greatest source of pollution to the Detroit River. . . a dry weather flow of approximately 800 million gallons a day."

Williams: The plant "is in compliaaree with its discharge permit and has been since the permit was issued

Detroit challenges DNR order to clean up rivers

(AP) — U.S. District Judge John Feikens has taken under advisement a petition from the City of Detroit challenging a state order to sharpist reduce the discharges of raw sewage and toxic pollutants into the Detroit reduce the discharges of raw sewage and toxic pollutants into the Detroit reduce the discharges of raw sewage and Rouge rivers.

City officials said last week that they for fighting the order because it provides little environmental benefit at a cost of \$2.5 \text{ bithon.}

On Tuesday, Judge Feikens too to block the state's order, which was approved unanimously by the Michigan Water Resources Commission.

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Detroit residents could see their Detroit residents could see their bills rise from an average of \$129 a year to more than \$2,147. That was contested by the state Department of Natural Resources and environmental groups. Sauflus Simoliunas, president of the city union representing sewage engineers and chemists, said the

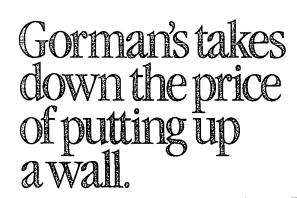
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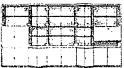


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