**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2003 10:20 AM

Subject: ALMOST A TRILLION "LOONIES" TO FIX YOUR WATER

Dear Aquathin Canada Dealer OnLine;

About half a year ago, we sent a Splash NewsBulletin advising the cost to repair the water infrastructure in the U.S. and to bring it up to date, would be almost a trillion dollars....and not completed until 2020. We also pointed out that every country is looking at similar relative costs. Here's your bill!

Warmest regards to all...as well, your comments are always welcome and very much appreciated.

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## Canadian water system needs \$800 million overhaul

NIAGARA, ONTARIO – According to a new report that takes a look at all Niagara-area municipalities, the Niagara water system is in need of \$800 million in investment to compensate for aging infrastructure and inadequate spending on water and wastewater services, the *St. Catherine's Standard* reported.

The report, released last month, took more than two years and \$1.5 million to complete. The report also came to the conclusion that a new, unified management structure would benefit the water and wastewater systems in the area, the article said.

The report assumes that infrastructure investments will be

funded through rates hikes, and rates are expected to increase 10 percent a year until 2009, the article said. Sewer rate hikes will climb three percent a year in the same time frame.

The report also recommends water and sewer services be delivered by a "single entity," but whether a local government, commission or corporation will serve that role remains unclear.