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Water study reveals widespread plant failures

TORONTO — Nearly one in eight water treatment plants in Southern Ontario during the 1990s failed to meet drinking water guidelines, according to a study released in the *Canadian Journal of Public Health*, [The Globe and Mail](#) reported.

The plants were mostly small and in rural areas, but the large number of them studied meant that a substantial population — almost 100,000 residents — had inadequate treatment systems, the article said. Nearly 500 water plants were part of the study.

The research covered the period from 1992-99 when Ontario

had no laws governing the treatment of drinking water, and relied on non-binding, voluntary guidelines for municipal water quality.

The Ministry of Environment said in the article that new drinking water standards have corrected problems identified in the study, such as *Cryptosporidium*. Figures on the number of water plants not complying with the rules were not immediately available though, the paper reported.

The study also warned that the country's water treatment plants still have weaknesses that could lead to disease outbreaks, the article stated.