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Subject: 600% ILLEGAL RISE IN POLLUTION...FROM THE GUYS THAT ARE REGULATED !!!!

Dear Aquathin Dealer OnLine, Splash NewsBulletin and Allergic Reaction NewsBulletin Members;

Over the years I have provided NewsBulletins concerning legal permits for amounts of pollution allowed to be created by licensed facilities....thousands of tons legally licensed to place into streams and air. While the permits are designed to regulate, limit and even restrict wildcat dissemination of contaminates, you will read below that could not be further from reality.

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Clean Water Act violations on the rise, says group

WASHINGTON — More than 60 percent of US industrial and municipal facilities exceeded their Clean Water Act permit limits between January 2002 and June 2003, according to a report issued by the US Public Interest Research Group (PIRG).

According to PIRG's news release, **the average facility in violation exceeded its permit limit by more than 600 percent**, or six times

the legal limit.

"This report shows that facilities that are violating the law are doing it in a big way," Democratic US Rep. John F. Tierney, said in the release. "We need to make sure that EPA and states, who have the responsibility for enforcing the Clean Water Act, have the resources they need to do be able to do their jobs effectively."

However, WaterTechOnline has discovered that the PIRG report is not a complete nationwide study as it claimed in its release.

According to the release, "Nationally, 436 major facilities exceeded their Clean Water Act permit limits for at least 10 of the 18 reporting periods between January 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003."

Meanwhile, the Associated Press (AP) said in a story reported by the [Leesville Daily Leader](#) in Leesville, LA, that the PIRG study did not include California and Oregon in its analysis "because the states failed to provide reliable data," according to PIRG.

The PIRG release did not mention the lack of California or Oregon information.

According to the release, the 10 states with the most incidences of exceeding Clean Water Act permit limits between January 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003 are Ohio, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee and Indiana.

US PIRG representatives have called on the Bush administration to "back off" its efforts in what the group says is a plan to "weaken the Clean Water Act."

To read the PIRG report, click [here](#).