

**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2004 6:44 PM

**Subject:** REPORT SITES AMERICA COULD SOON BE SWIMMING IN SEWAGE

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

*While this article speaks of "swimming in sewage" in the U.S. ...guess what...this problem is pandemic and growing exponentially. Additionally, you've received a Splash NewsBulletin and Forum Q & A concerning deep well injection and its failures.*

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**America could soon be swimming in sewage, claims report**

Proposed budget cuts to America's water system could lead to the nation being swamped by sewage, a rep

Natural Resources Defence Council (NRDC) and Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) has found.

It claims that sewage pollution already costs the US billions of dollars each year in medical treatment, lost property damage and describes an emerging crisis in the nation's failure to effectively treat sewage. The report *in Sewage*, found that a lot of sewage from homes, factories and businesses often never reaches a treatment plant. When it does, it is not treated adequately to protect public health.

The report also says President Bush's proposed budget cuts will make matters even worse.

"We have a looming public health crisis on our hands that will take billions of dollars to fix," said Nancy Stonoroff, NRDC's Clean Water Project director. "We do have the technological know-how to deal with this sewage problem, what we lack is the political will. In fact, President Bush's new budget proposal dramatically slashes funding for wastewater infrastructure. At US\$500 million, it's his biggest cut for any environmental program, and it's indefensible."

Besides the budget cut, a new proposal would allow sewer operators to discharge inadequately treated sewage into waterways when it rains. The EPA calls this proposal 'blending' as it involves mixing treated and untreated sewage. NRDC and EIP say it is a radical departure from current treatment standards and would threaten the health of the nation.

Michelle Merkel of the EIP said: "Waterborne disease outbreaks are on the rise across the country. Now is the time to increase funding to protect Americans, not cut it."

The report features seven case studies from around the country that illustrate how exposure to sewage pollution has seriously injured people and harmed local economies. It concludes with recommendations to address the problem, such as dropping the blending policy, establishing a national clean water trust fund to assist communities to provide effective sewage treatment, set standards for Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other currently unregulated pollutants that make people sick, and enforce the Clean Water Act to prevent raw sewage discharges.

By David Hopkins