



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **STATE AND CITY OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS TOXIC MOLD HAZARDS TOMORROW**

#### **Roles of City Housing Court and Housing Department To Be Discussed At Meeting**

**NEW YORK** – WE ACT for Environmental Justice, a leading advocate for environmental justice for two decades, urges Northern Manhattan residents affected by mold in their homes to attend an event tomorrow, Tuesday, July 8 and give public testimony on their experiences.

The New York State Toxic Mold Task Force will hold a daylong meeting from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the New York State Department of Health offices in Lower Manhattan. The Task Force, which began meeting last year, assesses scientific knowledge about mold; researches the prevalence of mold in New York; and will ultimately recommend policy changes to legislators and state regulators.

Tomorrow's meeting will focus on the problem of mold in New York City housing, and how the city's Housing Court and Department of Housing Preservation and Development are not doing all they can to force remediation of known mold hazards that hurt residents' health. If someone is interested in more information but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Julien Terrell at the number above.

**WHAT:** New York State Toxic Mold Task Force meeting

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 8, 2008, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Public comment period is 1 to 3 p.m.)

**WHERE:** New York State Department of Health, 217 Broadway, Lower Manhattan.

**WHO:** Task force members will hear from New York City and State officials, and local residents, about legal issues involving landlords and mold remediation in New York City homes.

**HOW:** To speak, sign up with Sarah Brazzell: 518-402-7511 or [seb03@health.state.ny.us](mailto:seb03@health.state.ny.us).