

Media Advisory  
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## **COMMUNITY GATHERS TO DEMAND FEDERAL ACTION ON 9/11 HEALTH CRISIS**

### **Community Members To Address Dr. John Howard, Federal 9/11 Health Czar, in Town Hall Meeting**

New York, NY September 7, 2006 – The health impact of the World Trade Center Disaster on the community has been widespread and serious. Many people, including children, are chronically ill. Yet, more than five years after 9/11, residents, students, and office workers still do not have access to appropriate healthcare, monitoring and treatment. As a result, their health worsens and many illnesses go undiagnosed or receive inadequate care.

**9/11 Environmental Action**, the lead sponsor of the Town Hall meeting, seeks a federally funded program to screen, track and treat 9/11-related illness in those who lived, worked and attended school in Lower Manhattan and other affected neighborhoods.

911 Environmental Action is an organization of residents, parents and occupational safety, public and environmental health advocates. Co-sponsoring with them are: Citizens For New York City, Independence Plaza North Tenants Association, New York State Public Employees Federation, Organization of Staff Analysts, Rebuild With A Spotlight On The Poor Coalition, and the World Trade Center Residents Coalition.

**WHAT: Town Hall Meeting for New York City residents to meet with medical experts to discuss unmet 9/11 health needs.**

**WHO:** **Juan Gonzalez**, Columnist, NY Daily News  
**David M. Newman**, Industrial Hygienist, New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health and Panelist, EPA World Trade Center Expert Technical Review Panel  
**Dr. Joan Reibman**, Assoc. Professor of Medicine, NYU Medical Ctr. and Director, Bellevue Hospital World Trade Ctr. Health Impacts Clinic  
**Dr. Jacqueline Moline**, Principal Investigator, Mt. Sinai World Trade Ctr. Monitoring & Treatment Program and Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Community & Preventive Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine  
**Dr. John Howard**, Director of NIOSH, Federal Health Czar

**WHEN: September 7, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

**WHERE: St. Paul's Chapel, 209 Broadway, Between Fulton & Vesey Streets**