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REGION OF PEEL TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE ABOUT STACHYBOTRYA ATRA MOULD

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WHAT: The Region of Peel, together with the local school boards, will hold a news conference to discuss the health effects of *Stachybotrys atra* (*S. atra*) mould on humans, and the actions taken to date by the school boards.

Contrary to the information provided in a media alert sent out on August 10, 1998 (entitled Region of Peel to Hold News Conference about *Stachybotrys atra* mould) a representative from the Ministry of Health will not be available to answer questions.

WHY: Recently the presence of *S. atra* mould in school portables has received considerable public attention in Peel. Dr. Barbara Kawa, Peel's Acting Medical Officer of Health, will be providing an information report to Council on the possible health effects of *S. atra*.

WHEN: Thursday, August 13, 1998
10:30 a.m. (immediately following Dr. Kawa's presentation to Regional council)

WHERE: 5th Floor Boardroom
Region of Peel Headquarters
10 Peel Centre Dr.
Brampton, ON
L6T 4B9

NOTE: For directions or more information about the media conference, please contact Irene McCutcheon, Acting Public Affairs Associate in Communication Services, (905) 791-7800 ext. 4527.

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