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**Public Hearing on New Rules and Regulations For Prevention and Control of Rodents
and other Vectors and to Promote Housing Habitability**

San Francisco, CA -- The San Francisco Department of Public Health will hold a **Public Hearing** on **Thursday, July 26, 2007, 2:00 p.m., 101 Grove Street, Room 300** on proposed **new rules and regulations for the prevention and control of rodents and other vectors to promote housing habitability** in San Francisco.

The following agencies, groups and organizations are encouraged to attend: all Pest Control Operators licensed to do business in San Francisco; Collaboratives including the Mission, Chinatown and Tenderloin Collaboratives; Tenants and Tenants' Advocates; Hotel Owners and Operators and Apartment House Owners; Owners of all Rental Properties and Tenants' Advocates. Letters regarding the hearing have already been sent to interested parties.

Staff from the Department of Public Health will review the proposed rules and regulations and answer questions.

Some of the highlights of the new regulations include:

- Responsibilities of Property Owners/Managers, Licensed Pest Control Operators, and Tenants
- Measures to prevent and control vectors infestations
- Procedures for the Safe Cleanup
- Guidance for pest control companies

The Department of Public Health recognizes that effective control of rodents and other vectors will require an integrated pest control method involving everyone who has an interest in their eradication such as hotel owners, building management companies, tenants, pest control companies and other pertinent city agencies.

The proposed regulations are available for review on the Health Department Website, <http://www.sfdph.org/eh/pubs/EHSDirectorRules/VectorControl.pdf>.

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