

## Breast Cancer, the Environment & Communities of Color

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9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast & Registration

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Panel Presentations

#### Welcome & Opening Comments

Ngina Lythcott, Columbia University

#### Breast Cancer Development, Racial Disparities & Environmental Hazards

Regina Santella, Columbia University &  
Swati Prakash, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

#### What Do We know About the Causes of Breast Cancer?

Mary Beth Terry, Columbia University

#### What Precautions can Individuals & Communities Take?

Kathie-Ann Joseph, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital &  
Julia Brody, Silent Spring Institute

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

1. **Community Action to Reduce Pollution: A “Better Safe than Sorry” Approach**
2. **Healthy Body, Healthy Life: Reducing Chemicals in Cosmetics & Personal Care Products**
3. **Taking Control of our Health & Well-being: Nutrition, Exercise & Personal Healing**  
(English & Spanish Sessions)

1:30 p.m. Adjourn

Breakfast & simultaneous translation in Spanish will be provided. Community activists and health professionals will lead the afternoon workshops.

## Please Join us for a Community Forum on Breast Cancer, the Environment & Communities of Color



Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004  
9:30 am – 1:30pm

Columbia University Medical Campus, Hammer Building  
701 168th St. & Fort Washington Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr, Room 301



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## Did You Know?

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women and the leading cause of cancer death among 35-54 year old women.

An estimated 1 in 7 women in the U.S. will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

40% of new cases are in women younger than 60 years old.

Although African-American women are less likely than Caucasian women to develop breast cancer, they die from breast cancer at a 30% higher rate.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer among Latinas.

## Facts about Breast Cancer & the Environment

- Evidence suggests that exposure to human-made hormones & other chemicals that act like hormones may increase the risk of breast cancer.
- Phthalates— a chemical commonly found in cosmetics, plastics, and pesticides— have hormone-like activities and may have an effect on breast cancer development.
- Exposure to PAHs— chemicals common in air pollution— has also been linked to breast cancer.

## Breast Cancer and Environmental Justice

Communities of color, like Northern Manhattan and the South Bronx, are more likely to be exposed to the type of pollution that may cause cancer. For example, we are home to more than our fair share of air pollution from diesel vehicles.

To find out more about what you can do to protect you and your family, join us...

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### TRANSPORTATION

Via subways 1/9 or A/C or  
Via buses M4, M5, M100 or Bx7  
Take the 168<sup>th</sup> St. Stop

### REGISTRATION

Participation and breakfast are free, but space is limited,  
so please register by

**October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**To register, please contact Kathryn at**  
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271 West 125<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 308 NY, NY 10025  
**Kathryn@weact.org or 1-212-961-1000 ext 333**

Please provide the following information:

Name

Address

Organization

Telephone Number and/or Email Address

Which afternoon workshop you plan to attend (# 1, 2 or 3)