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NEWS RELEASE

Susan (not her real name) lives in low-income Section 8 housing in Clearwater, Florida. Her home is infested with mold. The HVAC System is faulty and the hot water heater needs to be replaced. When Susan asked for help from her landlord she was told there was no problem. When her landlord didn't respond, Susan sought other government assistance. She is still seeking help. No one will step forward to repair the faulty HVAC System and replace her hot water heater and remediate her home.

The mold is causing serious health problems for her and the three children. The oldest is 13. He used to play football but now has asthma and can't run. Susan's second child has serious bronchitis. The third child has developed allergies. Susan has developed serious sinus conditions. All four are in constant need of medical care and Susan and the kids spend a lot of time at a local hospital.

Susan's story is not uncommon.

The EPA and HUD have recently upgraded the issue of mold growth in American homes from a minor concern to a major health liability. Recent studies by various government agencies and outside non-profit organizations have found that millions of Americans live in substandard housing conditions. Millions more are living with serious indoor air quality issues. Most are unaware of their situation.

The National Association for Moisture Management (NAMM) has released an EPA report on dampness and mold and information from the American Council of Government Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) regarding the impact of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC). You can find them at www.na4mm.org.

The NAMM website is open and free to everyone. It is packed with information and solutions to moisture and mold issues and is designed to help consumers help themselves.

Susan's story is being replicated all over the United States every day. The total cost to her, others and to taxpayers in health care costs, improper and inadequate remediation processes, infrastructure losses and damage to homes, and more, is in the billions of dollars.

Solutions to these problems are being presented in Washington DC right now. Government is — unfortunately — not moving fast enough. Every day we delay correcting issues faced by Susan and others puts people's health in jeopardy at work, in school and at home.

To find solutions for a safer and healthier environment contact the National Association for Moisture Management at www.na4mm.org.