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Two Fox News employees have filed a lawsuit claiming they were sickened by air contaminated with toxic molds and pesticides while working in Laurette DeRosairo and Madronica Clarke, both Fox employees for about nine years, say in court papers that the molds and the "inappropriate"



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DeRosairo, a control booth graphics technician, and Clarke, a makeup artist, said they were made ill while working within the broadcasting company. The chemicals caused DeRosairo to develop acute asthma, a sensitivity to scents that causes her throat to constrict, and other respiratory problems. Kenneth F. McCallion, the women's lawyer, said DeRosairo was taken to a hospital in March 2005 with respiratory distress after she was exposed. The lawsuit, filed Jan. 27 in Manhattan's state Supreme Court, names Fox News and the building's management company as defendants. It asks Irena Briganti, spokeswoman for Fox News, issued a statement saying, "The allegations in this lawsuit are baseless and lack merit." She said the federal Occupational, Safety and Health Administration had declined to investigate, and an onsite probe by the state's Department of Environmental Conservation. "Fox News is in full compliance with both OSHA and DEC guidelines," Briganti said.

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