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**SLA REMINDS LICENSEES TO APPLY FOR NEW YEAR'S PERMITS
November 17 Deadline to Submit Applications Less Than Two Weeks Away**

The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) is again reminding on-premises licensees (bars, nightclubs, restaurants, etc.) that the November 17, 2008 deadline for applying for "all night" permits for New Year's Eve is fast approaching. The latest warning from the SLA was prompted by the small number of applications currently on file with the agency. In 2007, 611 on premises establishments applied for "all night" permits statewide. To date, with only eleven days remaining to file, the SLA has received 16 applications.

"We have an obligation to help ensure the safety and security of those planning to go out on New Year's Eve," said First Deputy Director Woody Pascal. "This process provides the SLA the time needed to examine every application before issuing an all night permit."

On July 9, 2008, the SLA published new regulations on all night permits after notice to the public, including a 45 day period for comment. The new rules require that applications must be filed at least 45 days prior to the event. In addition, notice of the licensee's intent to apply for the permit must be sent to the local police department or, if there is no local police department, to the County Sheriff's Department. Within 10 days of receiving the application, the SLA's Licensing Bureau will make a determination on each application based on criteria such as the licensee's disciplinary history and whether an adequate security plans is in place for the event. If the Licensing Bureau denies the application, the licensee may request review of the decision by a Member of the Authority. A Member of the Authority will review the decision and make a final determination within 10 business days of receipt of the request.

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