



# Pennsylvania

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## News and Events

### LNG Expansion a Bum Deal for Northeastern PA

The December 17th Department of Energy report shows that increasing liquified natural gas (LNG) exports inarguably goes against the public interest. Further expansion would offer little benefit and great potential for harm to the environment, public health, and to the pockets of domestic utility customers.

Perhaps the most damning finding of the study is that pouring resources into increasing exports will most likely result in higher energy prices here at home. Residents of Northeastern PA, would be expected to pay extra for the privilege of having their neighborhoods - such as Dickson City - turned into LNG storage parks.

Read the entire blog post [here](#).

### There must be more oversight of dangerous fracking wastewater in Pennsylvania

"There is no oversight," says Robert Green, who works in southwestern Pennsylvania in an industry that insures that pipelines can appropriately handle the complex and often hazardous fuels and waste streams they contain.

"No state agency has authority over how these wastewater pipelines are constructed, operated and monitored, not Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), or the state's Public Utility Commission, and as a result there are no standards," says David Hess, who led DEP from 2001 to 2003.

In one fracking wastewater pipeline failure that occurred in 2022, 18,000 gallons of waste spilled from a pipeline operated by Seneca Resources into a wooded landscape in Cameron County contaminating the water well of John Rosenberger, a retired state trooper, and his wife Paige. The Rosenbergers were showering in dangerously toxic and radioactive fracking waste. It was very salty, he reported!

Read the entire blog post [here](#).

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### Member Social

On January 29th PSR staff, board members and local health care professionals met up at City Winery in Philadelphia.



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## Disrupted place attachments and emotional energy geography in fracked Appalachia

PSR's own Christina DiGiulio along with Robin Hood, Martina Angela Caretta and Lora Snyder co-wrote a paper on the complicated ways that the fossil fuel industry can damage the emotional and physical connection to their home environment. The study focused on Appalachian areas where the good of residents has long been ignored for the sake of industry and energy extraction, and the system of marginalization and oppression that comes from treating these places as "sacrifice zones."

Read for yourself [here](#).

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### Solidarity Tour

In early December, much of our staff traveled to Pittsburgh to be in solidarity with impacted communities and celebrate environmental activism across the country. [Taproot Earth](#), [US Climate Action Network](#), and other partner organizations invited activists and community members from environmental justice communities across the country to build community, collective resistance, and unifying plans for future climate action.

We also participated in the [Community Sentinel Awards](#) for Environmental Stewardship hosted by FracTracker, where our own Chris DiGiulio was nominated. It was inspiring to be in a room with environmental activists and revolutionaries who, in some cases, are putting their lives on the line to fight for clean air, clean water, and the health of their communities.



The day before the award ceremony we hosted a solidarity tour around Southwest PA to witness the impact of polluting industry throughout the area. More than 30 of us loaded into a tour bus to visit a steel coke factory, a power plant, a landfill, and a well pad. We heard the stories of several local activists and impacted community members.

It was an important reminder and affirmation of just how important our work is. Ending the year with this week of coalition-building, celebration of our successes, and clarifying the work that still needs to be done was empowering.

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## Other News & Events

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**February 8th at 11am**  
**4999-4801 Frew St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213**



We're rallying for good union jobs. We're rallying for justice. We're rallying for our health. We're rallying for the future of our climate — for our future. Will you join us?

While we gather at the Flagstaff Hill Pavilion to hear from our speakers and show support for environmental protection, similar rallies will take place in other cities across the country.



Please [RSVP](#) to add this event to your calendar and see updates about our speakers.

**February 11th at 6pm**

## **A JUST TRANSITION:**

**Environmental Justice Perspectives  
from Three Former Oil and Gas Workers**

Join at [PSRPA.org/events](https://PSRPA.org/events)



Tuesday  
Feb 11, 2025



Time  
6-7PM EST (5P CST)



Join PSR PA as we speak with three former oil and gas industry workers whose firsthand experiences with health impacts of the fossil fuel industry led them to become advocates for environmental justice in their communities.

This panel is for both laborers and those outside industry who want to learn about centering workers and communities in a just energy transition.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## **East Coast premier of "Single-Use Planet" February 20th in Pittsburgh**



This film follows the work of Southwestern Pennsylvania activists and the story of the Shell Plastics Plant in Beaver County, Pa., which churns out millions of tons of single-use plastics in spite of our worldwide plastic waste problem.



The premier event, at the Harris Theater starting at 6:15 pm, will include a number of guests including the filmmakers, activists featured in the film, and PSR Pennsylvania president Ned Ketyer.

Admission is free, but [registration in advance is required](#).

## SHALE GAS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

### A NEW DIRECTION!


### FEBRUARY 27TH

#### IN PERSON AND ONLINE


#### Schedule of Events


- 8:30 AM - Registration
- 9:00 AM - Welcome
- 9:15 AM - Research and Health Studies Panel
- 11:30 AM - Radiation and Waste
- 12:30PM - Lunch Keynote: 15 Years of Shale Gas Development Through My Camera Lens
- 1:30 PM - Water Resources and Contamination
- 3:00 PM - Community Wins & Alternative Solutions
- 4:15 PM - Wrap Up
- 4:30 PM - Post Conference Reception

Dept of Environmental and Energy Engineering  
Duquesne University



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'  
OF PENNSYLVANIA





Speakers include:

Cyndhia Ramatchandirane

Pouné Saberi


Jennifer Baka

Rachel Pecharka

Steven Jansto, PhD

Justin Nobel

Patty DeMarco, PhD



REGISTER NOW

Physicians for Social Responsibility PA, the League of Women Voters of PA, and the Department of Environmental and Energy Engineering at Duquesne University invite you to the **2025 Shale Gas and Public Health Conference: New Directions**, a cornerstone of the LWVPA Straight Scoop on Shale educational initiative since 2013. This conference will bring together scientists, public health experts, industry leaders, and advocacy groups to explore the latest research and insights on unconventional oil and gas development, its environmental impact, and associated health risks.

**When:** February 27, 2025, 9:00 - 4:30

**Where:** Duquesne University

**Hosts:** Physicians for Social Responsibility PA, the League of Women Voters of PA, and Duquesne University

Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect with experts, gain valuable knowledge, and be part of the conversation shaping the future of public health and the environment. Lunch and light refreshments provided.

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