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News and Events

**Pennsylvanians Deserve Answers and
Action on Health Risks Associated with Fracking**



In August 2023, The University of Pittsburgh released the results of studies it conducted on the health impacts of people living near fossil fuel wells in Pennsylvania. Since these studies were released, families have continued to suffer, yet many of Pennsylvania's leaders have been silent about the dangers identified in the research.

This webinar discussed the studies' findings, promises made by the Department of Health to the people of Pennsylvania, and Governor Shapiro's deal with fracking company CNX Resources.

Watch the recording [here](#).

Sign the petition asking Governor Shapiro and PA DOH secretary Dr. Debra Bogen to take action to protect our communities and our kids!

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Nominations Open for the 2024 Community Sentinel Award

We're thrilled to share that nominations are now open for the 2024 Community Sentinel Award for Environmental Stewardship! This year marks the tenth anniversary of the award, a decade-long celebration of individuals who have shown extraordinary commitment to protecting our environment and championing justice in their communities.

[Submit your nominations today for the 2024 Community Sentinel Award and help us honor our most dedicated environmental stewards.](#)

We are thrilled to once again celebrate the courageous individuals who demonstrate unwavering commitment to environmental justice, but we need your help. We are calling on you to nominate those remarkable leaders who have made a positive impact on their communities.

Eligibility Criteria

Be based in the United States or U.S. territories.

Demonstrate courage, commitment, and determination in addressing environmental injustices.

Work to mitigate the adverse effects of fossil fuels on their communities and environment.

Special consideration will be given to nominations for emerging leaders under the age of 30. Youth under the age of 18 will also be considered with guardian consent.

Self-nominations are not accepted; candidates must be nominated by someone else who can attest to their contributions and impact.

How to Nominate

To submit a nomination for the 2024 Community Sentinel Award, [fill out our online nomination form by October 6, 2024.](#) We look forward to learning about the remarkable individuals in your community.

Stand with Dimock Day



Dimock, PA is the only place in the United States where fracking industry has been criminally charged and found guilty [“for their repeated and systematic violation of Pennsylvania environmental law.”](#) Residents have been drinking poisoned water since 2009. On August 16th, individuals and organizations from across the state traveled to Dimock to stand in solidarity against the Governor and the companies that continue harm them.

PSR PA in the News

Installing Air Monitors to Protect Residents' Health in OH



In early September 2024, Beyond Plastics' Appalachia Director, Jess Conard, and our Youngstown, Ohio affiliate, [SOBE Concerned Citizens](#) worked together on an important initiative to **install air monitors throughout the community**. The company PurpleAir makes sensors that empower local environmental leaders who can now collect local air quality data and share it with the public as a tool to show cumulative community impacts and push for positive and healthy investments, not more polluting industry.

Collecting air quality measures prior to new industry (including “chemical recycling”) coming into the area can be a critical tool to protect public health and safety as the data provides a critical baseline against which future air quality can be measured.

Jess partnered with Chris “PK” DiGiulio, an environmental chemist at [Physicians for Social Responsibility-Pennsylvania](#) (PSR-PA) to meet the community's need to strategically place six air monitors in the area near the site, some outside the focus area, away from polluting facilities and in different topographical spaces.

Read the entire article [here](#).

Scientists skeptical of oil and gas company’s claim that its fracking ‘poses no public health risk’

Scientists who study public health say they’re skeptical of a company’s claims that its fracking “Poses No Public Health Risks.”

Canonsburg, Pa.-based CNX said that a research project it is conducting as part of a voluntary collaboration with the state of Pennsylvania has found no health risks near its operations.

The project was launched after a state-funded University of Pittsburgh study found fracking was linked to [childhood lymphomas](#), [asthma exacerbations](#) and [lower than average birth weights](#).

Read more [here](#).

Fracking Company Is Selected to Receive Federal Environmental Justice Funding

A Pennsylvania-based fracking company is the subject of controversy after one of its projects was listed as an [environmental justice](#) initiative under a federal government program by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

An environmental monitoring project conducted by CNX Resources, a natural gas company headquartered in Pittsburgh, was included on a list of Justice40 efforts related to the federally funded [Appalachian Hydrogen Hub](#) in a [document](#) recently released by the Department of Energy. The hub is a network of infrastructure that will create hydrogen for energy use. It’s part of a nationwide initiative to advance hydrogen production with the goal of decreasing climate-warming carbon emissions in the U.S.

Read more [here](#).

[Read more articles highlighting PSR PA here.](#)

Other News & Events

Mantua Worldwide Community, Inc. presents:



Continental Breakfast | Afternoon Lunch Celebration

Sat., October 5, 2024

8:30AM – 12PM

Location/Meet up at:

3331 Brandywine St.

(inside garden area • rain or shine)

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Join Beyond Plastics for a free webinar on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 PM ET to learn how the next president can tackle plastic pollution - [register now](https://bit.ly/presidential-priorities).



Registration is here: : <https://delawariverkeeper.org/hydrogen-regulatory-landscape-webinar/>

This webinar will explore the many questions everyone is asking about hydrogen gas regulation - what is required and what is missing - with two knowledgeable practicing attorneys delving into the questions swirling around the Hydrogen Hub regulatory quandary: Kacy Manahan, Senior Attorney, Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Margaret A. Coulter, Senior Attorney, Climate Law Institute, Center for Biological Diversity.

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

WED. OCT 30TH 5-8PM

CANDIDATE FORUM

MEET AND LEARN CANDIDATES PRIORITIES, GOALS AND STRATEGIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

FREE DINNER, TRANSPORTATION AND CHILDCARE PROVIDED

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