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PSR PA in Focus

Two new video series bring FLIR OGI and civics to life



The first, **Everything's Fine**, highlights the use of Forward-Looking Infrared Optical Gas Imaging (FLIR OGI) in the field. The FLIR OGI camera is an infrared camera designed to detect leaks and releases of hydrocarbons, methane (CH₄), and other Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions from multiple stages of the oil and gas supply chain, as well as other industrial facilities.

In the video series, we first see the scene as it would appear to the naked eye, followed by the FLIR OGI view. The second view shows a dramatic difference, with ominous plumes of emissions suddenly visible and - as the video tagline says - "once you see it, you can't unsee it."

See the Everything's Fine playlist on [Youtube](#).

The second is **Civics Explained**. In this series PSR PA's Policy and Program Coordinator, Matt Shorraw, breaks down complicated aspects of the federal and commonwealth government into bite-sized nuggets of information. Think School House Rock minus the catchy tunes.

Visit the Civics Explained playlist on [Youtube](#).

Philly Energy Budget

PSR PA is one of many organizations fighting for \$10 million dollars for Philadelphia Energy Authority in the Philadelphia city budget. This funding would enable PEA to administer the [Built To Last program](#), which we fought for funding toward last year. However, this year, even though the office and program are popular, and repairs are desperately needed, the mayor [did not include that funding in her initial budget](#). For Philadelphia residents, keep an eye on your email for Rapid Actions that engage this and other essential advocacy! Make sure you're signed up to [receive those emails](#) if you haven't!

How Climate Change Affects Women's Health

This event featured statements by Philadelphia Council Member Jamie Gauthier, PSR PA's Dr. Joniqua Ceasar, Brooke Petry from Moms Clean Air Force and Philadelphia resident and activist Gail Pryor. The speakers discussed the economic and health effects of climate change and pollution, and the ways it specifically burdens women, particularly Black and Brown women and those in low-income households.



Revealing the True Impacts of Gas Infrastructure

PSR PA and The Sierra Club of Connecticut have released FLIR OGI footage of polluting hydrocarbons at four facilities across CT. The footage was gathered at natural gas facilities in Brookfield, Cromwell, Milford, and Oxford this past December. Christina DiGiulio, Environmental Chemist, discusses hydrocarbons, emissions and their impact.



Worker Safety in Oil & Gas: Unseen Hazards and Unintended Consequences In Person and Online

Register Now

Join Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania (PSR PA) for an eye-opening discussion addressing critical worker safety issues within wastewater management in the oil and gas industry. While workers are often on the front lines of hazardous operations, they are not always fully informed about the toxic materials they encounter. This lack of awareness can have serious repercussions - not only for their own health but also for their families and communities when these contaminants are unknowingly brought home.

Through expert presentations and firsthand accounts, we will explore the unseen hazards faced by workers, examine the unintended consequences of inadequate safety practices, and discuss steps toward creating safer, healthier work environments. This webinar is essential for workers, advocates, policymakers, and anyone concerned about occupational safety and public health.

Speakers:

Senator Katie Muth

Christina DiGiulio - Environmental Chemist

Justin Nobel - Investigative Journalist

Oil and Gas Workers

Location: University of Scranton, Pearn Auditorium, 320 Madison Ave, Scranton, PA

Read Justin Nobel's recently published work on radioactive waste in the natural gas industry and its effect on workers [here](#).

Other News & Events

Join us for a free webinar on:
MICROPLASTICS' IMPACT ON THE BRAIN & HEART

 **Thurs, May 15, 2025**
at 7:00 PM ET US

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<https://bit.ly/microplastics-brain-heart>
or scan the QR code below





**With Sanjay Rajagopalan, MD and
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Please go [here to RSVP](#).

EHP Releases New White Paper on the Health Risks of Gas Infrastructure

Pennsylvania residents face very real health risks posed by the ever-growing network of shale gas infrastructure - wells, compressor stations, processing plants, pipelines, truck traffic, etc. - and depend on Governor Shapiro and his administration to protect them from pollution and environmental damage. In his two years in office, Shapiro has yet to take real action, but still has a chance to do better for his constituents.

The Environmental Health Project's white paper, "Pennsylvania's Shale Gas Boom: What the Shapiro Administration Can Do to Better Protect Public Health," discusses the administration's shortcomings and the steps necessary to give Pennsylvanians critical public health protections.

EHP is gathering signatures on the letter accompanying the white paper, which will be sent to the governor after April 15.

See the paper and sign the letter to the governor here:
environmentalhealthproject.org/white-paper

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