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UNCONVENTIONAL GAS DRILLING IMPACTS INCREASE; CLIMATE DOOR CLOSING

Shale Gas Outrage calls for a halt on unconventional gas drilling

Philadelphia: While Philadelphia's Convention Center buzzes indoors with Marcellus Shale lobbyists, politicians and policy-makers, a coalition of citizen's groups alarmed by the acute and cumulative impacts of shale gas drilling will make their core message, "stop fracking now", clearly heard outside the convention hall.

Led by the Philadelphia-based nonprofit group Protecting Our Waters, Shale Gas Outrage organizers bring together sobering concerns about drilling's negative impacts on local communities and economies: air, soil and water pollution, public safety, climate change, and political corruption.

What: Shale Gas Outrage press conference, rally, and march

When: Thursday September 20th

10 AM: Press Conference

12 noon: Rally

2:00 – 3:00: March

Where: Press Conference: Arch Street Methodist Church; Broad and Arch, Philadelphia

Rally: Arch Street between Broad and 13th Streets, Philadelphia

March: begins at Convention Center with stops: at President Obama's campaign office; PNC Bank; Chamber of Commerce, and Governor Corbett's Philadelphia office.

The press conference will include ample opportunity to interview speakers.

Rally and march will include colorful visuals.

Interfaith Blessing of the Waters takes place at 5 PM, 9-20-12 at Arch Street Methodist Church.

On Friday September 21st, the College of Physicians of Philadelphia shares information on health impacts:

What: Conference of health professionals, researchers and veterinarians regarding health impacts of shale gas drilling. Register here (free): <http://phfracking.eventbrite.com/>

When: 9:00 am – 12 noon, Friday, September 21st (Registration and coffee, 8:30 AM)

Where: The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 S. 22nd Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

Confirmed September 20th rally speakers include:

Bill McKibben, author; President and co-founder, 350.org

Sandra Steingraber, PhD, [Ecologist](#), Author, Winner of Heinz Award

Josh Fox, Director of *Gasland* and *The Sky is Pink*

Stephen Cleghorn, PhD, organic farmer, researcher, advocate

Stewart Acuff, lifelong labor organizer, utility workers' sector

Maya Van Rossum, Delaware Riverkeeper

Doug Shields, former Pittsburgh City Councilman

Wenonah Hauter, Executive Director of Food and Water Watch

Why: The Shale Gas Outrage Steering Committee states, "Shale gas development contaminates our communities, harming human health and living ecosystems. It distracts us from taking the immediate steps essential to curb climate change. Building a thriving economy requires us to create green jobs, develop sustainable energy, and ensure a healthy environment. Therefore, we are committed to stopping fracking now, including maintaining and expanding each moratorium and ban already established. We are also committed to fighting for justice in place of the unacceptable and unequal burdens imposed by the shale gas industry upon vulnerable populations and future generations."

Detailed program information is on the Shale Gas Outrage website at www.shalegasoutrage.org
