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EHP Publishes Chapter on Shale Gas and Public Health in New Volume: *Sustainable Development and Rural Public Health*

PITTSBURGH, PA, August 9, 2024 – The Environmental Health Project (EHP) is pleased to have published a chapter in the volume ***Sustainable Development and Rural Public Health: From Fossil Fuels to Greener Futures***. Edited by pioneering research investigator [Michael Hendryx](#) and published by [Springer](#), the book offers strategies and solutions for rural communities dependent on fossil fuel economies to enable them to transition to sustainable development.

In the chapter **Shale Gas Extraction in Pennsylvania**, EHP details the health impacts of the shale gas boom and takes a hard look at historic policy failings while illuminating a way forward for policy improvements that can better defend the health of residents anywhere polluting industries operate. Read the abstract and learn more about the book [here](#).

“EHP is extremely grateful for the opportunity to share with a broader audience the knowledge and expertise we’ve amassed over the past 12 years of our existence,” said **Executive Director Alison L. Steele**, one of the chapter’s authors. “Communities and policy makers can make better health-protective decisions when they understand the complex relationship between shale gas pollution and public health.”

In Pennsylvania, the advent of shale gas development (also called unconventional gas development, hydraulic fracturing, or fracking) has created prosperity for some and adverse health consequences for many in primarily rural areas of the state. EHP’s chapter challenges the assumption that the financial benefits of shale gas extraction outweigh the costs to public health and community wellbeing.

About the Environmental Health Project

The [Environmental Health Project](#) (EHP) is a nonprofit public health organization that defends public health in the face of shale gas development. EHP provides frontline communities with timely monitoring, interpretation, and guidance while engaging diverse stakeholders: health professionals, researchers, community organizers, policy makers, and others.

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