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**EHP Hosts Public Policy Summit  
“Shale Gas & Public Health: Translating Science into Policy”**

**McMURRAY, PA, February 22, 2022** – Today, the Environmental Health Project (EHP) hosted a public health summit, **Shale Gas & Public Health: Translating Science into Policy**. The health summit raised awareness around health impacts related to shale gas extraction and offered opportunities for discussing effective policy approaches to alleviate these impacts moving forward. This virtual summit took place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“Shale gas development has elevated the risk of serious health impacts for individuals living in frontline communities,” said EHP’s **Executive Director Alison L. Steele**. “We need meaningful policy solutions to address these heightened risks. Our work today reflects a commitment to public health that helps to protect families from harm.”

The summit featured prominent speakers in four key policy areas: endocrine disruption, child health and development, environmental economics, and environmental justice.

**Dr. Linda Birnbaum**

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and Duke University  
Speaking on Endocrine Disruption

**Dr. Élyse Caron-Beaudoin**

University of Toronto Scarborough  
Speaking on Child Health & Development

**Dr. Nicholas Muller**

Carnegie Mellon University  
Speaking on Environmental Economics

**Rev. Dr. Gregory Simpson**

Naurashaun Presbyterian Church  
Speaking on Environmental Justice

“EHP has assembled some of the leading authorities in North America to discuss the science behind health impacts from shale gas development and to translate that science into ideas for effective public health policy,” said Steele. “We are thrilled to be able to learn from and engage with these individuals and with other policy experts in government, education, nonprofits, and the public sector.”

The summit included breakout sessions on each of the speaker’s topics, and time was reserved for a panel discussion and questions led by Steele.

Said Steele, “An open dialogue between community leaders and policymakers at every level of government can help to provide traction for sensible public health policy that protects people from shale gas pollution. Today was a day to talk about the issues. Tomorrow will be the day to begin taking action.”

**All speakers are available for interviews following the event.** To request an interview, please contact EHP’s communication manager, Scott Smith: [ssmith@environmentalhealthproject.org](mailto:ssmith@environmentalhealthproject.org), 412-600-0738.

View the Conference Packet, including the agenda and bios on each speaker, [here](#).

Register and attend this event [here](#).

### **About 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. Now in our 10<sup>th</sup> year, we provide frontline communities with timely monitoring, interpretation, and guidance. We engage diverse stakeholders: health professionals, researchers, community organizers, public servants, and others. We do so because knowledge protects health.