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One Year After the Pitt Study Release, Governor Shapiro's Department of Health Has Failed to Fulfill Essential Promises Made to Residents

Washington, PA – Southwestern Pennsylvania community and health organizations will hold a virtual press conference on September 17 at 2 p.m., more than one year after the release of the long-awaited results of the Pennsylvania Health and Environment Studies. At that time, Governor Shapiro's Department of Health (DOH) made promises to communities affected by pollution from fracking infrastructure. We're demanding answers as to why the DOH has failed to fulfill the essential promises made to residents living near shale gas.

The PA Health and Environment Studies (also called the [Pitt Study](#), as the work was conducted by the University of Pittsburgh) covered the entirety of southwestern Pennsylvania, including Allegheny County, Armstrong County, Beaver County, Butler County, Fayette County, Greene County, Washington County, and Westmoreland County.

WHAT: Press conference urging Governor Shapiro and the Pennsylvania Department of Health to take action on protecting our communities from the health harms of fracking.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 17, at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Virtual/online

WHO: Center for Coalfield Justice, Physicians for Social Responsibility - Pennsylvania, Mountain Watershed Association, Environmental Health Project, and FracTracker Alliance

WHY: More than one year since the Department of Health-sanctioned Pitt Study showed that fracking correlates with increased rates of childhood cancers and other health impacts, the DOH has not kept the promises they made and has provided little to no guidance or follow up to communities or health care providers. Groups call on Governor Shapiro to take action as the DOH promised last August.

Please use [this link](#) to register for the press conference. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information for joining. Alternatively, you can use the following QR code:



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