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August 15 Community Meeting Scheduled to Release Results of PA Health & Environment Studies

August 10, 2023 — On August 15, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health will host a public meeting at Pennsylvania Western University – California to **release the findings of the Pennsylvania Health and Environment Studies**. These studies looked at the prevalence of rare childhood cancers, asthma, and low birth weights in proximity to shale gas development (fracking) in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

In-person attendance is encouraged. Question will be addressed at the meeting.

Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023
Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Place: Performance Center, second floor of the Natali Student Center
PennWest University – California
250 University Avenue
California, PA 15419

There will be a virtual option to attend; please visit paenv.pitt.edu for updates and more information.

Immediately following the above meeting, the Center for Coalfield Justice and MAD-FACTS will host a **debrief and healing space at the California United Methodist Church at 227 3rd Street, California, PA**, to discuss the results and be with one another to process what we learn. There will be refreshments available. To register for the debrief and healing space meeting, click [here](#).

In 2019, former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's administration allocated \$3 million to the studies, taking action after months of impassioned pleas by the families of childhood cancer patients who live in the most heavily drilled region of the state. The studies cover the entirety of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Region, including Allegheny County, Armstrong County, Beaver County, Butler County, Fayette County, Greene County, Washington County, and Westmoreland County.

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