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# From Wellhead to Ethane Cracker: Shale Gas, Petrochemicals, and Health



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# **Pennsylvania Constitution**

## **Article I Section 27**

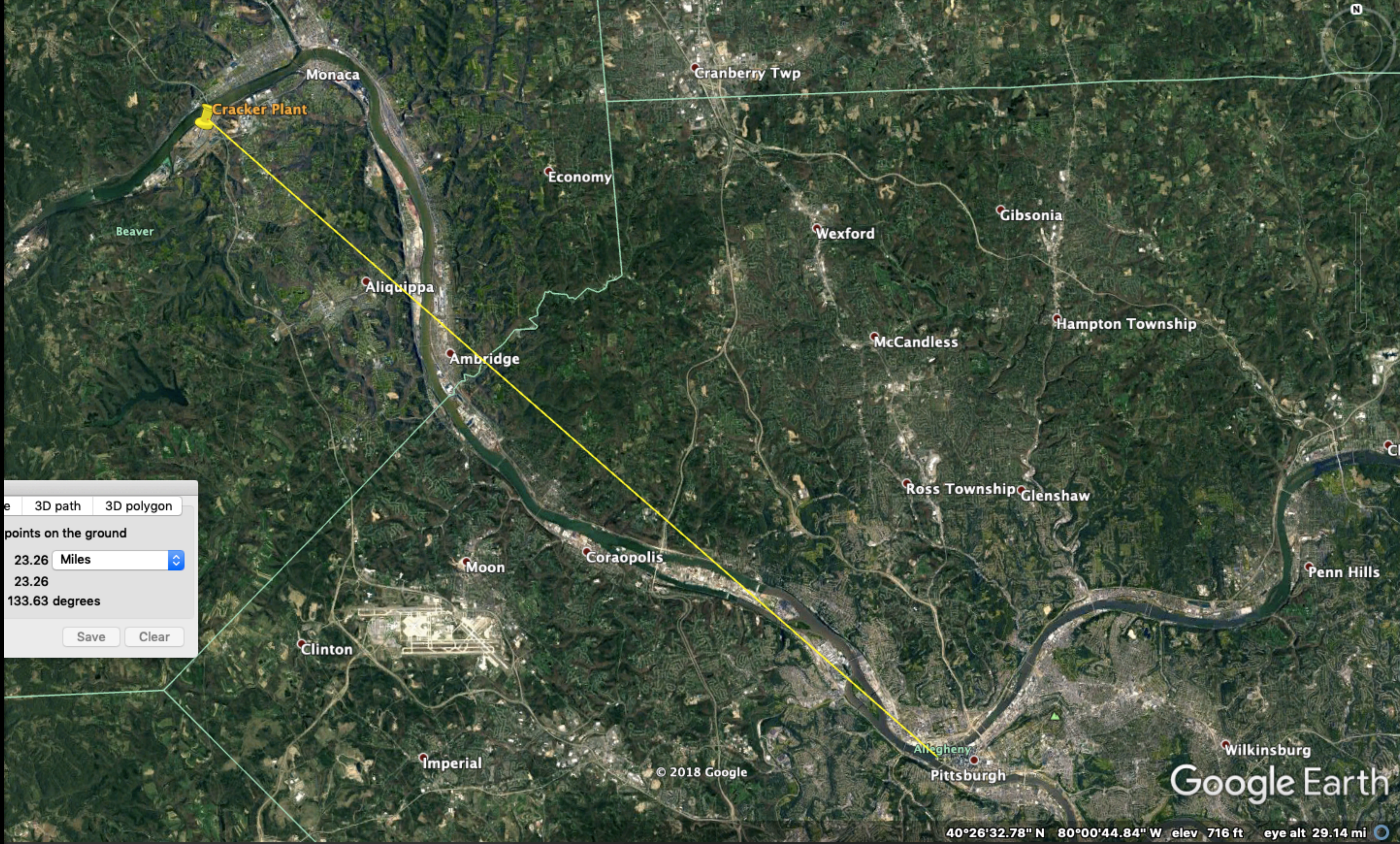
**“The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment.**

**Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come.**

**As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.”**

Ratified by PA voters on May 18, 1971





3D path

3D polygon

points on the ground

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# **EHP Air Model**

## **Highest Chemical Emissions**

- **Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)**
- **Carbon monoxide (CO)**
- **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)**
- **PM<sub>2.5</sub>**
- **HAPs**

**Emissions data: 50% of permitted emissions (PA-DEP)**

**Weather data: NOAA**



# Royal Dutch Shell Ethane Cracker Plant

## Permitted Emissions

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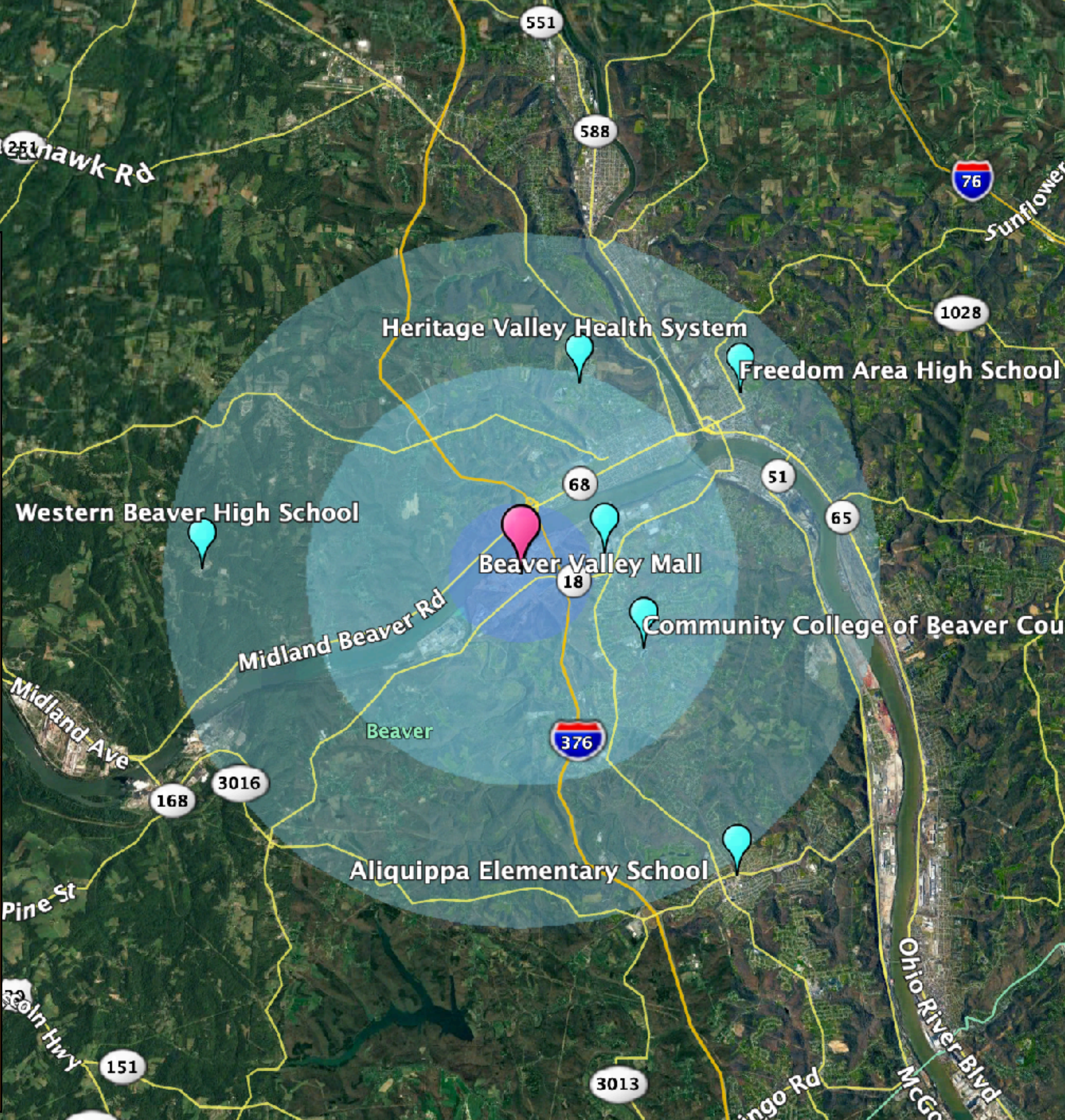
<u>Air Contaminant</u>	<u>Emission Rates (tons)</u>
NOx	348
CO	1,012
VOCs	620
PM 2.5	159
HAPs	30.5
Ammonia	152
CO2	2,248,293



**Legend**

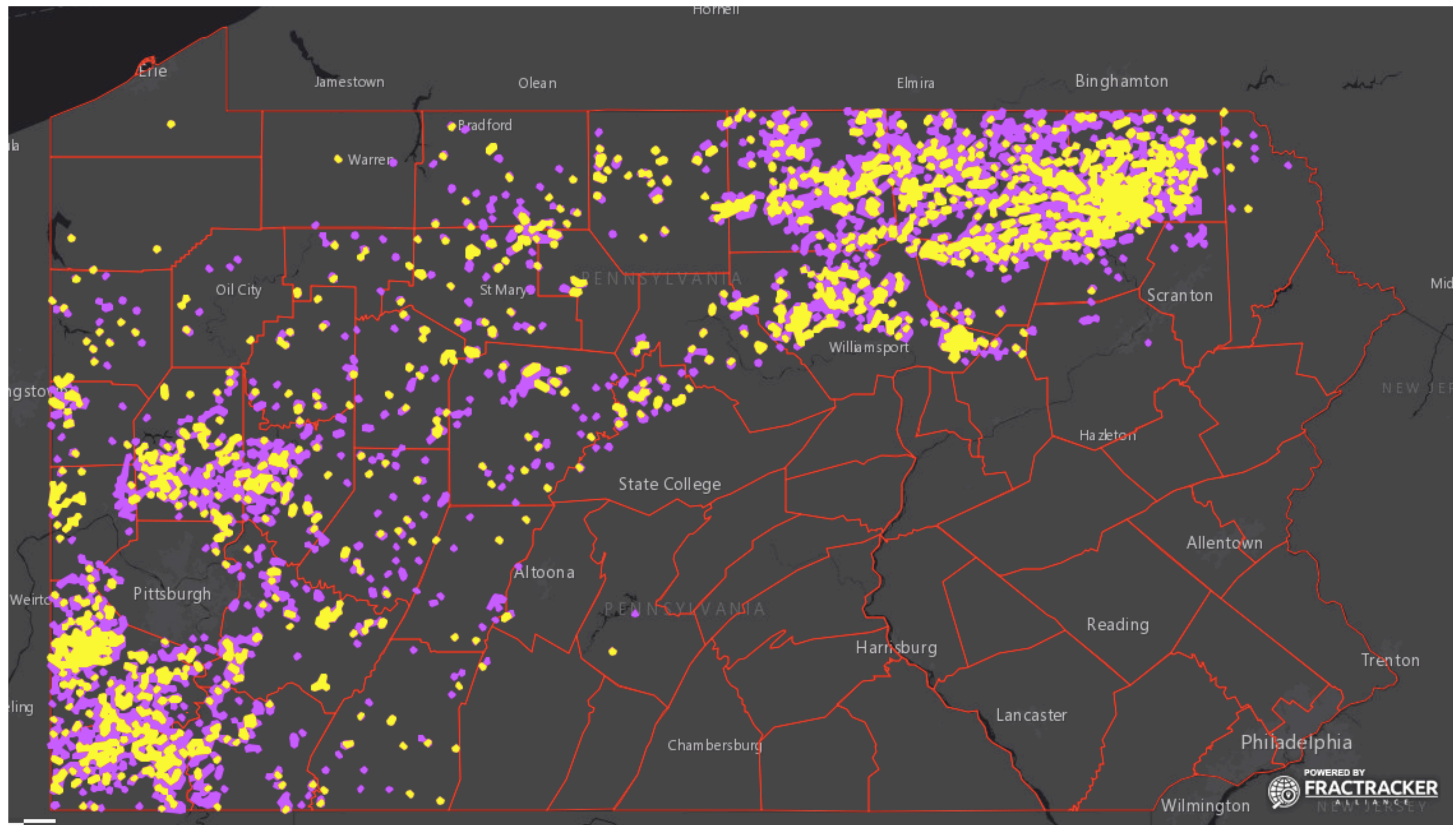
- 1 Mile
- 3 Miles
- 5 Miles
- Shell Ethane Cracker Plant

Exposure	Possible symptoms experienced
Low Less than 500 ug/m3	Eye and throat irritation
Moderate 500 to 1000 ug/m3	Eye and throat irritation, headache
High 1000 to 2500 ug/m3	Eye and throat irritation, headache, shortness of breath, palpitations, chest pain, changes in blood pressure and/or heart rate
Extreme 2500 to 5000 ug/m3 and above	Eye, nose, throat irritation, headache, shortness of breath, palpitations, chest pain, changes in blood pressure and/or heart rate, impaired cognitive function such as confusion and difficulty concentrating



Location	Exposure to emissions (ug/m3)
Heritage Valley Health System	2,861
CCBC	2,861
Aliquippa Elementary School	715
Western Beaver High School	1,073
Freedom Area High School	715
Beaver Valley Mall	13,234





## Pennsylvania

(Updated 3/27/2019)

- **11,885 Active Unconventional Gas Wells**
- **12,342 Violations**



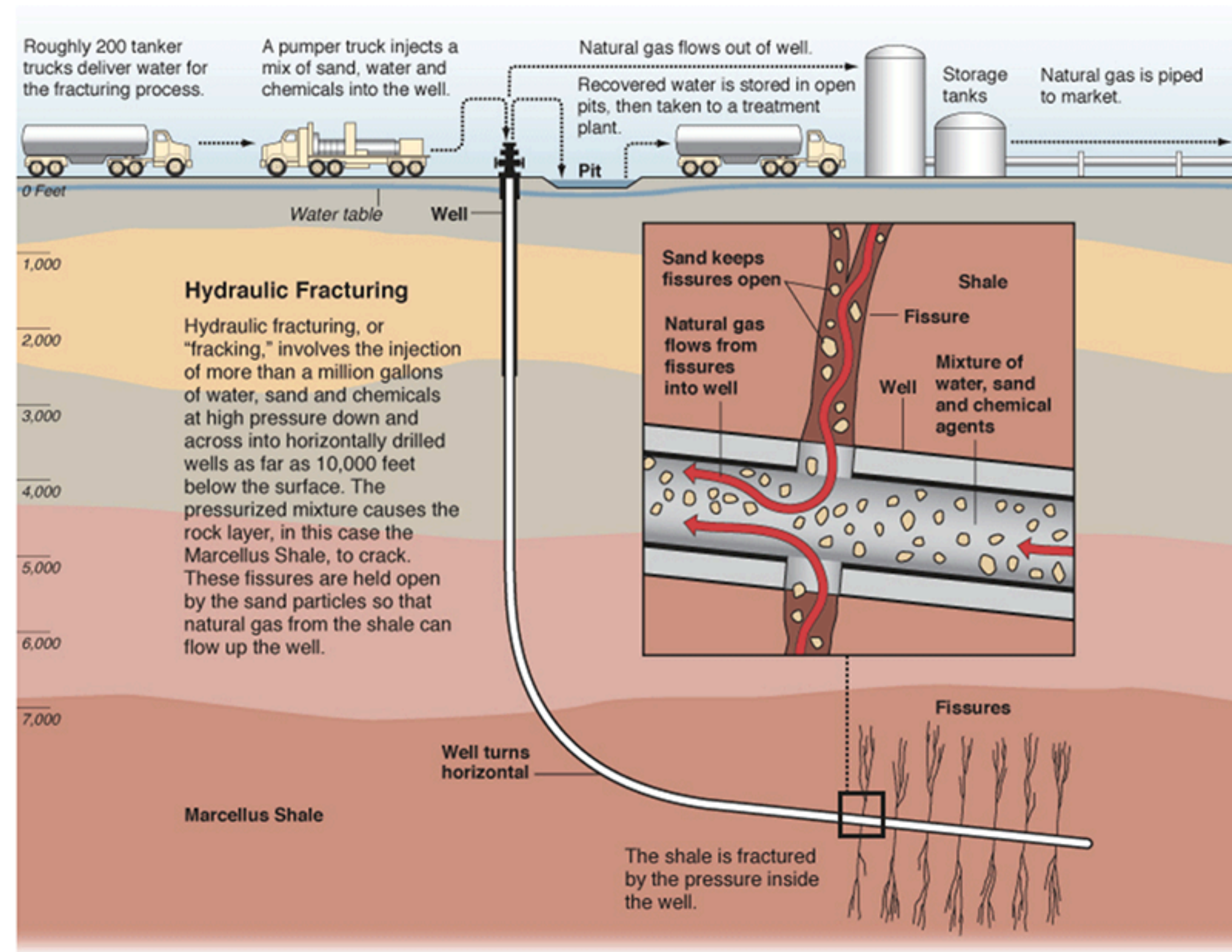
"Nurdles"





# Flowback: What Comes Back Up

- Drill Cuttings (solid waste)
- Contaminated Water
  - > Fracking chemicals
  - > Salt (Brine)
  - > Natural elements (lead, arsenic)
  - > Naturally-occurring radioactive materials (NORMs) — radium 226)
- Non-fuel Gases (VOCs, PAHs, hydrogen sulfide, radon)
- Methane
- Liquid Fuels (propane, butane, ethane)



Graphic by Al Granberg



# Important points about UNG development

1. Emissions of toxics occur at every stage of the process.
2. Emissions don't stay in one place.
  - > trucks travel
  - > winds blow
  - > rivers and streams flow
  - > what goes up comes down
  - > climate, weather patterns, topography help determine exposure



# Important points about UNG development

3. Gases leak accidentally and are vented on purpose.
4. Airborne emissions are often invisible.
5. Liquids leak & spill, on well pads and off well pads.
6. Chemicals that leak, spill, or are aerosolized remain a mystery.
7. Earth is a closed system. What happens here stays here.



# Airborne Emissions — Exposure & Health Effects

- > Emissions occur at every stage of UNG development and are typically invisible.
- > Symptoms from exposure are well-known from decades of occupational research.
- > Exposure to toxics based on several factors:
  - proximity to emissions
  - duration of exposure
  - individual susceptibility (age, gender, genetics, pre-existing conditions)
  - use of personal protective equipment
- > Exposure may be continuous or episodic.
- > Exposure may involve multiple chemicals from one or from multiple sources in the vicinity of the exposed person. (AGGREGATE EMISSIONS)



OCTOBER  
2016

Pennsylvania Medical Society

Resolution Supporting a  
Moratorium on Fracking

1 Adopted as amended  
2 RESOLUTION 16-206  
3  
4 (Referred to Reference Committee B)  
5  
6 Subject: Pennsylvania Medical Society Support for a Moratorium on Fracking  
7 Introduced by: Michael DellaVecchia, MD, on behalf of the Philadelphia County Medical Society  
8 Author: Walter Tsou, MD, Philadelphia County Medical Society  
9  
10 WHEREAS, As physicians of Pennsylvania, we care first and foremost about the health of our community  
11 and believe that when an activity raises potential harm to human health, precautionary measures should  
12 be taken until cause and effect relationships are fully established scientifically; and  
13  
14 WHEREAS, Act 13 (Impact Fee) of 2012 includes a provision that allows disclosure of proprietary chemicals  
15 after a physician places a request in writing, but prohibits further disclosure of the chemicals to other  
16 doctors or written into medical records, even if needed to properly care for a patient<sup>1</sup>; and  
17  
18 WHEREAS, Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a method of oil and gas removal that involves blasting  
19 between 4-6 million gallons of water, sand and chemicals under high pressure deep into the earth to break  
20 up the Marcellus Shale to allow oil and gas extraction; and  
21  
22 WHEREAS, The Marcellus Shale covers about 60% of Pennsylvania and much of the mineral rights have  
23 been leased to gas drilling companies; and  
24  
25 WHEREAS, The gas drilling industry has identified around 60 chemicals regularly used in fracking and  
26 hundreds that could potentially be used<sup>2</sup>; and  
27  
28 WHEREAS, The gas drilling industry has many “proprietary” chemicals which are trade secrets so there is  
29 no way to ascertain their toxicity, but fracking routinely employs numerous toxic chemicals, including  
30 benzene and other volatile organic compounds<sup>3</sup> and can also expose humans to harm from lead, arsenic,  
31 and radioactivity brought back to the surface with fracking flowback fluid; and  
32  
33 WHEREAS, The gas industry has lobbied to exempt their industry from federal regulations of many  
34 important environmental laws, including the Safe Drinking Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act,  
35 National Environmental Policy Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and CERCLA (the  
36 Superfund Act) hampering any federal oversight of the industry<sup>4</sup>; and  
37  
38 WHEREAS, Many fracking chemicals and the radioactive isotopes of flowback fluid are known  
39 carcinogens and evidence is mounting throughout the country that these chemicals are making their  
40 way into aquifers and drinking water<sup>5</sup>, and

RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Medical Society urge and support a moratorium on new natural gas extraction using high-volume hydraulic fracturing in Pennsylvania;  
and be it further  
RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Medical Society urge the state legislature Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to fund an independent health registry and commission  
research studies on the health effects of fracking.





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**March 2018**



Fracking industry site near Greers Ferry Lake in Quitman, Arkansas in the Fayetteville Shale region. ©2014 Julie Dermansky

**> 1,300 peer-reviewed studies  
& investigative reports.**

- 90% published since 2013**
- 25% published in 2017**

**“There is no evidence that fracking can  
operate without threatening public health  
directly or without imperiling climate stability  
upon which public health depends.”**





## **Vulnerable Community Members**

- Pregnant women and fetuses
- Infants and children
- Elderly
- Poor
- People and communities of color
- Pre-existing medical conditions
- Outdoor workers
- First Responders



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# Petro-Frack Operations

## — Airborne Emissions —

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| > Fracking Chemicals                     | > Carbon monoxide (CO)                |
| > Sand (silica dust)                     | > Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )   |
| > Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)       | > Nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) |
| > Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) | > Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )   |
| > Particulate Matter (PM 2.5)            | > Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )          |

VOCs + NO<sub>2</sub> + SUNLIGHT = OZONE

OZONE + PARTICULATE MATTER = SMOG





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RAISES the RISKS FOR  
PREGNANT WOMEN

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# Perinatal Outcomes and Unconventional Natural Gas Operations in Southwest Pennsylvania

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## Abstract

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Unconventional gas drilling (UGD) has enabled extraordinarily rapid growth in the extraction of natural gas. Despite frequently expressed public concern, human health studies have not kept pace. We investigated the association of proximity to UGD in the Marcellus Shale formation and perinatal outcomes in a retrospective cohort study of 15,451 live births in Southwest Pennsylvania from 2007–2010. Mothers were categorized into exposure quartiles based on inverse distance weighted (IDW) well count; least exposed mothers (first quartile) had an IDW well count less than 0.87 wells per mile, while the most exposed (fourth quartile) had 6.00 wells or greater per mile. Multivariate linear (birth weight) or logistical (small for gestational age (SGA) and prematurity) regression analyses, accounting for differences in maternal and child risk factors, were performed. There was no significant association of proximity and density of UGD with prematurity. Comparison of the most to least exposed, however, revealed lower birth weight ( $3323 \pm 558$  vs  $3344 \pm 544$  g) and a higher incidence of SGA (6.5 vs

“Comparison of the most to least exposed, however, revealed lower birth weight... and higher incidence of SGA.”



# Unconventional Natural Gas Development and Birth Outcomes in Pennsylvania, USA

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Perinatal Epidemiology

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Abstract

In Brief

Author Information

**Background:** Unconventional natural gas development has expanded rapidly. In Pennsylvania, the number of producing wells increased from 0 in 2005 to 3,689 in 2013. Few publications have focused on unconventional natural gas development and birth outcomes.

“... an association between UNGD and preterm birth... and high risk pregnancy.”



# Hydraulic fracturing and infant health: New evidence from Pennsylvania

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## Abstract

The development of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") is considered the biggest change to the global energy production system in the last half-century. However, several communities have banned fracking because of unresolved concerns about the impact of this process on human health. To evaluate the potential health impacts of fracking, we analyzed records of more than 1.1 million births in Pennsylvania from 2004 to 2013, comparing infants born to mothers living at different distances from active fracking sites and those born both before and after fracking was initiated at each site. We adjusted for fixed maternal determinants of infant health by comparing siblings who were and were not exposed to fracking sites in utero. We found evidence for negative health effects of in utero exposure to fracking sites within 3 km of a mother's residence, with the largest health impacts seen for in utero exposure within 1 km of fracking sites. Negative health impacts include a greater incidence of low-birth weight babies as well as significant declines in average birth weight and in several other measures of infant health. There is little evidence for health effects at distances beyond 3 km, suggesting that health impacts of fracking are highly local. Informal estimates suggest that about 29,000 of the nearly 4 million annual U.S. births occur within 1 km of an active fracking site and that these births therefore may be at higher risk of poor birth outcomes.

**1.1 million births in Pennsylvania  
between 2004-2013**

**Increased incidence of LBW  
within 3 km of active fracking site,  
with highest incidence within 1 km**

**29,000 births in U.S. per year  
within 1 km of active fracking site**






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## Birth Outcomes and Maternal Residential Proximity to Natural Gas Development in Rural Colorado

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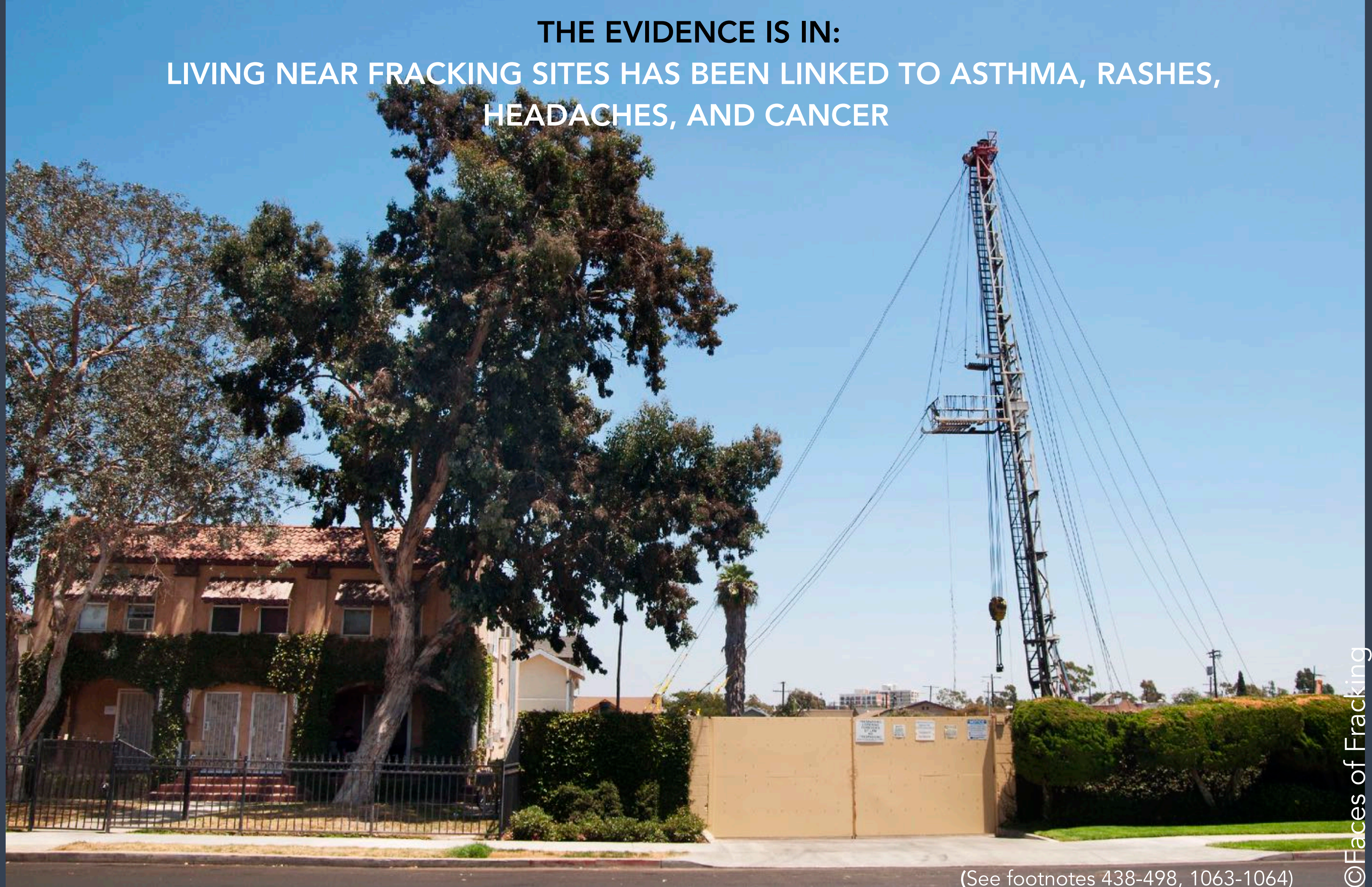
**Background:** Birth defects are a leading cause of neonatal mortality. Natural gas development (NGD) emits several potential teratogens, and U.S. production of natural gas is expanding.

**Objectives:** We examined associations between maternal residential proximity to NGD and birth outcomes in a retrospective cohort study of 124,842 births between 1996 and 2009 in rural Colorado.

“...we observed an association between density and proximity of natural gas wells within a 10-mile radius of maternal residence and prevalence of congenital heart defects and possibly neural tube defects.”



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LIVING NEAR FRACKING SITES HAS BEEN LINKED TO ASTHMA, RASHES,  
HEADACHES, AND CANCER



(See footnotes 438-498, 1063-1064)

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# Health symptoms in residents living near shale gas activity: A retrospective record review from the Environmental Health Project

Preventive Medicine  
Reports

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## Highlights

- This is a retrospective symptom review of adults exposed to unconventional natural gas wells.
- We attributed symptoms to exposure only if no other cause could be identified.
- Most commonly reported symptoms: sleep disruption, headache, throat irritation.
- Our findings are consistent with other studies using self-reported symptoms.



# Top 10 Symptoms Associated with Proximity to UNGD

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Sleep disruption  | 6. Shortness of breath |
| 2. Headache          | 7. Sinus problems      |
| 3. Throat irritation | 8. Fatigue             |
| 4. Stress/anxiety    | 9. Nausea              |
| 5. Cough             | 10. Wheezing           |

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# Association Between Unconventional Natural Gas Development in the Marcellus Shale and Asthma Exacerbations

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**Importance** Asthma is common and can be exacerbated by air pollution and stress. Unconventional natural gas development (UNGD) has community and environmental impacts. In Pennsylvania, UNGD began in 2005, and by 2012, 6253 wells had been drilled. There are no prior studies of UNGD and objective respiratory outcomes.

**Objective** To evaluate associations between UNGD and asthma exacerbations.

**Design** A nested case-control study comparing patients with asthma with and without exacerbations from 2005 through 2012 treated at the Geisinger Clinic, which provides primary care services to **over 400 000 patients in Pennsylvania**. Patients with asthma aged 5 to 90 years (n = 35 508) were identified in electronic health records; those with exacerbations were frequency matched on age, sex, and year of event to those without.

**“UNGD activity metrics were statistically associated with increased risk of mild, moderate, and severe asthma exacerbations.”**



# Associations between Unconventional Natural Gas Development and Nasal and Sinus, Migraine Headache, and Fatigue Symptoms in Pennsylvania

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**Background:** Unconventional natural gas development (UNGD) produces environmental contaminants and psychosocial stressors. Despite these concerns, few studies have evaluated the health effects of UNGD.

**Objectives:** We investigated associations between UNGD activity and symptoms in a cross-sectional study in Pennsylvania.




**Methods:** We mailed a self-administered questionnaire to 23,700 adult patients of the Geisinger Clinic. Using standardized and validated questionnaire items, we identified respondents with chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS), migraine headache, and fatigue symptoms. We created a summary UNGD activity metric that incorporated well phase, location, total depth, daily gas production and inverse distance—squared to patient residences. We used logistic regression, weighted for sampling and response rates, to assess associations between quartiles of UNGD activity and outcomes, both alone and in combination.

**Results:** The response rate was 33%. Of 7,785 study participants, 1,850 (24%) had current CRS symptoms, 1,765 (23%) had migraine headache, and 1,930 (25%) had higher levels of fatigue. Among individuals who met criteria for two or more outcomes, adjusted odds ratios for the highest quartile of UNGD activity compared with the lowest were [OR (95% CI)] 1.49 (0.78, 2.85) for CRS plus migraine, 1.88 (1.08, 3.25) for CRS plus fatigue, 1.95 (1.18, 3.21) for migraine plus fatigue, and 1.84 (1.08, 3.14) for all three outcomes together. Significant associations were also present in some models of single outcomes.

**Conclusions:** This study provides evidence that UNGD is associated with nasal and sinus, migraine headache, and fatigue symptoms in a general population representative sample.



# Unconventional Gas and Oil Drilling Is Associated with Increased Hospital Utilization Rates

Thomas Jemielita , George L. Gerton , Matthew Neidell, Steven Chillrud, Beizhan Yan, Martin Stute, Marilyn Howarth, Pouné Saberi, Nicholas Fausti, Trevor M. Penning, Jason Roy, Kathleen J. Probert, Reynold A. Panettieri Jr. 

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## Correction

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## Abstract

Over the past ten years, unconventional gas and oil drilling (UGOD) has markedly expanded in the United States. Despite substantial increases in well drilling, the health consequences of UGOD toxicant exposure remain unclear. This study examines an association between wells and healthcare use by zip code from 2007 to 2011 in Pennsylvania. Inpatient discharge databases from the Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost Containment Council were correlated with active wells by zip code in three counties in Pennsylvania. For overall inpatient prevalence rates and 25 specific medical categories, the association of inpatient prevalence rates with number of wells per zip code and, separately, with wells per km<sup>2</sup> (separated into quantiles and defined as well density) were estimated using fixed-effects Poisson models. To account for multiple comparisons, a Bonferroni correction with associations of  $p < 0.00096$  was considered statistically significant. Cardiology inpatient prevalence rates were significantly associated with number of wells per zip code ( $p < 0.00096$ ) and wells per km<sup>2</sup> ( $p < 0.00096$ ) while neurology inpatient prevalence rates were significantly associated with wells per km<sup>2</sup> ( $p < 0.00096$ ). Furthermore, evidence also supported an association between well density and inpatient prevalence rates for the medical categories of dermatology, neurology, oncology, and urology. These data suggest that UGOD wells, which dramatically increased in the past decade, were associated with increased inpatient prevalence rates within specific medical categories in Pennsylvania. Further studies are necessary to address healthcare costs of UGOD and determine whether specific toxicants or combinations are associated with organ-specific responses.



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# Assessment and longitudinal analysis of health impacts and stressors perceived to result from unconventional shale gas development in the Marcellus Shale region

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**“Stress” is one of the most frequently reported symptom by residents living in the Marcellus Shale region.**



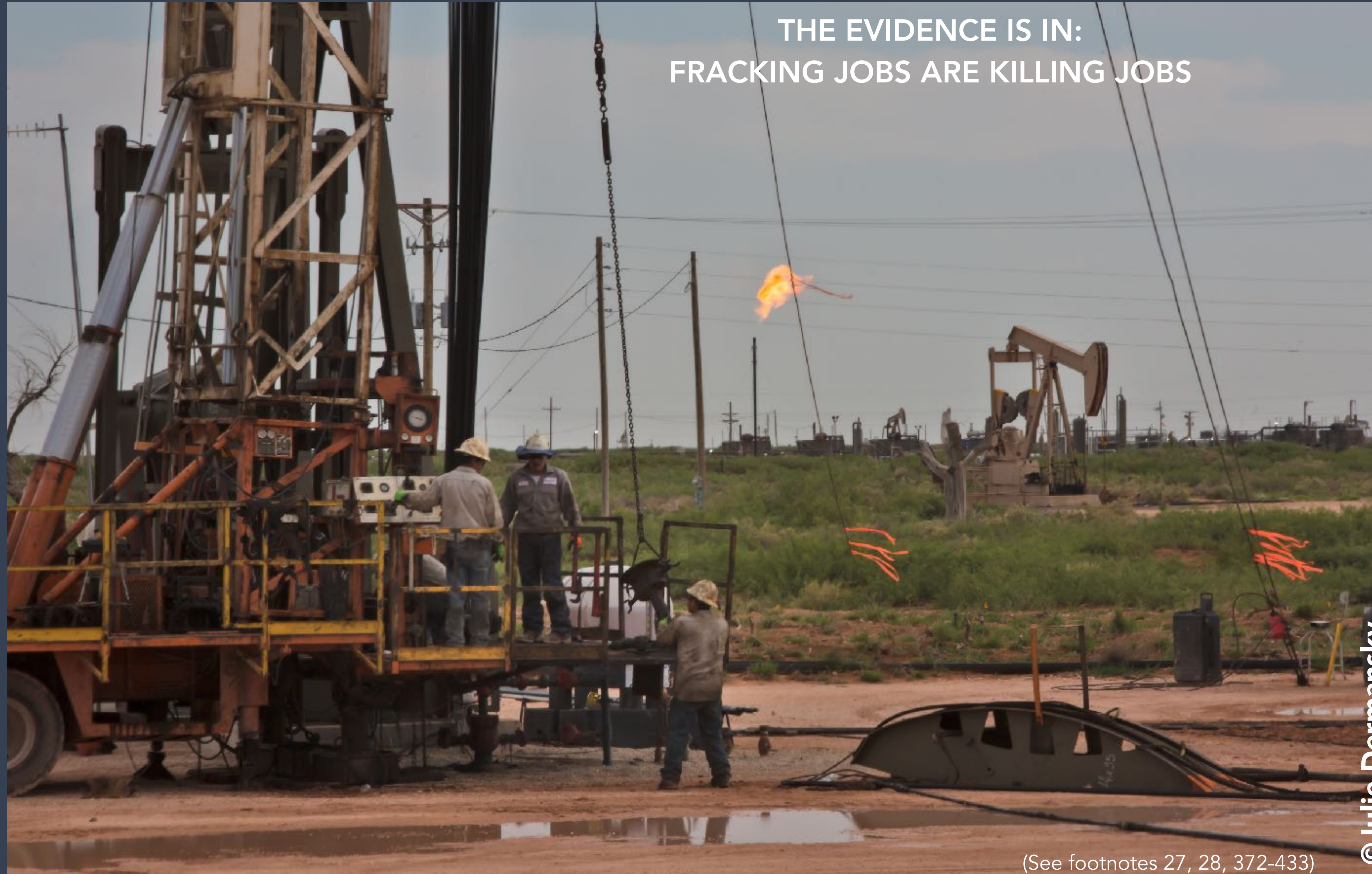
# Psychosocial Impacts of UNGD

## SOURCES OF STRESS

- Noise (drilling, fracking, flaring, pig-launcher venting, compressor blowdowns, truck traffic)
- Odors (diesel, hydrocarbon emissions, hydrogen sulfide)
- Light (sleep deprivation)
- Traffic (increased truck-related fatalities)
- Crime (violent crime, property crime, drug and alcohol abuse, STD's)



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**EMISSIONS FROM COMPRESSOR STATIONS ARE HIGHLY TOXIC**



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# **Health Effects Associated with Stack Chemical Emissions from NYS Natural Gas Compressor Stations: 2008-2014**

A Technical Report Prepared for the Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project underwritten by the Park Foundation

12 October 2017

“This report shows that every compressor station routinely releases large volumes of chemicals associated with a variety of diseases and disorders.”

— Raina Rippel, Director SWPA EHP

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# For More Information

- > **Breathe Project** [www.breatheproject.org](http://www.breatheproject.org)
- > **Children's Environmental Health Network** [www.cehn.org](http://www.cehn.org)
- > **Climate Reality Project** [www.climateRealityproject.org](http://www.climateRealityproject.org)
- > **Pediatric Alliance** [www.pediatricalliance.com](http://www.pediatricalliance.com)
- > **Physicians for Social Responsibility - PA** [www.psrphila.org](http://www.psrphila.org)
- > **SWPA Environmental Health Project**  
[www.environmentalhealthproject.org](http://www.environmentalhealthproject.org)



# Additional Reading

- Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking — 5th Edition  
Physicians for Social Responsibility/Concerned Health Professionals of New York (2018)  
<http://www.psr.org/assets/pdfs/fracking-compendium-5.pdf>
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PSE's Repository for Oil and Gas Energy Research (ROGER)  
<https://www.psehealthyenergy.org/our-work/shale-gas-research-library/>
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Particulate Matter (2012): [http://www.chec.pitt.edu/documents/PRETA/PRETA\\_PM.pdf](http://www.chec.pitt.edu/documents/PRETA/PRETA_PM.pdf)  
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<https://www.ipcc.ch>
- 4th National Climate Assessment (NCA4) — Volume 1: 2017; Volume 2: 2018  
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