



Greetings!

Hello & welcome to the new version of our e-newsletter! As we prepare to celebrate our nation's independence this weekend, let us reflect on the words of one of our founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson:

"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

I'd like to take this moment to thank you for receiving this publication. The mere fact that you signed up is a testament to your thirst for information. May this information help your conscience guide you in the right direction. RDA strives to bring you the latest news and action points, so that collectively, we can work towards making a positive difference for our environment, our communities, and future generations.

Happy Independence Day!

Sincerely,

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Cove Point Rally

Come Join Us!

We will be heading down to Washington D.C. next Sunday, July 13, to oppose this LNG Export Facility. [CLICK HERE](#) and email us with "Cove Point Caravan" in the subject line if you are interested in joining us for the journey.

[Click here for our facebook event](#)

Frack Free Parks

The Campaign Continues

It's not too late to participate in the "Frack Free Parks" campaign initiated by the Save the Loyalsock Coalition. Take a "selfie" in the woods with [THIS SIGN](#) and email it to frackfreeparks@gmail.com so they can upload it to the tumblr site. Then feel free to share it all over your other social media.

Lack of Knowledge Leaves Us Powerless

By Jesse White, State Representative, 46th District

In 1597, English philosopher Sir Francis Bacon coined the famous phrase "knowledge is power." Several incidents from the past month, which have caught the attention of many in the community, bring new meaning to the quote from more than 500 years ago.

On May 1, families living near the Carter wastewater impoundment in Mt. Pleasant Township discovered a large container labeled "radioactive" close to their homes. A state Department of Environmental Protection inspector told residents there had been a spill of radioactive water near "weir tanks," which were set up next to the impoundment to separate solid particles from the water and chemical mixture used to hydraulically fracture the gas-containing shale. A DEP spokesman later denied that any spill had taken place, and the radioactive material remains in the container at the impoundment site.

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Retired PA Health Staffers Say Department Muzzled them on Fracking

The Pulse - June 19, 2014

Two retirees from the Pennsylvania Department of Health say its employees were silenced on the issue of Marcellus Shale drilling. One veteran employee says she was instructed not to return phone calls from residents who expressed health concerns about natural gas development.



PA drilling pad - photo credit: Lindsey Lazarski, WHYY

"We were absolutely not allowed to talk to them," said Tammi Stuck, who worked as a community health nurse in Fayette County for nearly 36 years. Another retired employee, Marshall P. Deasy III, confirmed that.

Deasy, a former program specialist with the Bureau of Epidemiology, said the department also began requiring field

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photo: Barb Jarmoska

LNG Export Petition

Urge President Obama to halt the Approval of LNG Export Terminals

Right now, communities across the country are facing air, water, and climate pollution at the hands of natural gas companies. And the stakes have gotten even higher – the potential for more fracking so the natural gas industry can export LNG to other countries.

[Click here to take action!](#)

PA Moratorium Petition

Request a Moratorium on Further Leasing of our State Park and Forest Land

Our state forests are rare places that provide respite and recreation for our citizens. The proposed lift on the moratorium of gas leasing will lead to further drilling that will jeopardize fragile ecosystems. Our state forests and parks should be set apart, protected and held in trust for the future.

We need your help to stop additional gas leasing of state park and forest land. We urge you to please take action by sending a message to your legislators so the General Assembly will not open the door to additional leasing.

[Click here to take action!](#)

In Other News

Lutherans Call for Repeal of "Fracking Loopholes"

Texas \$3M Damage Award Upheld

staff to get permission to attend any meetings outside the department. This happened, he said, after an agency consultant made comments about drilling at a community meeting.

In the more than 20 years he worked for the department, Deasy said, "community health wasn't told to be silent on any other topic that I can think of."

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In light of this story, Berks Gas Truth, a grassroots community organization, has created the following survey. They are asking that all Pennsylvanians who contacted PA DOH with a diverse health impacts that are linked to fracking-related water, air and land contamination fill out a short survey they will then provide to interested agencies and elected officials.

If you have some information to report, please [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey.

Cove Point Rally

Come join us on July 13th as we head down to Washington D.C. to oppose this LNG export nightmare!

In all, FERC is currently reviewing 14 fracked gas export proposals. The \$3.8 billion Cove Point facility, proposed by Virginia-based Dominion Resources, just 50 miles south of the White House in southern Maryland, would take gas from Marcellus wells, liquefy it, and ship it to customers in Japan and India. A [CCAN Analysis](#) found that, from fracking wells to final smokestacks, the Cove Point project alone could trigger more greenhouse gas pollution than all seven of Maryland's existing coal-fired power plants combined.

The Cove Point project would be the first fracked gas export facility on the East Coast and the first ever built in a densely populated residential area. According to economist Deborah Rogers, approval of LNG exports would drastically increase the number of gas wells in PA, as producers would be bound by contract to meet foreign demands.

Please contact us at [THIS EMAIL](#) if you are interested in joining up with our carpool/caravan to head down there next Sunday. Please include "Cove Point Caravan" in the subject line. [Click here to be directed to our facebook event.](#)

Click the image below for more information or to officially register for the event.



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XTO Energy Seeks Dismissal of Criminal Charges in 2010 Wastewater Spill

Protect Our Children

Protect Our Children is a group of parents and property owners concerned about the potential ill-effects of oil and gas drilling near schools. [Click here to check out & "like" their facebook page for current info & updates from their organization.](#)

Fracking Pennsylvania

RDA purchased and donated two copies of Walter Brasch's book, [Fracking Pennsylvania](#) to the James V. Brown library here in Williamsport, PA. Feel free to stop by the library and "check it out!"

FracTracker Traffic Study

FracTracker is conducting a traffic study in our area next week. If you are interested in counting vehicles for 1-2 hours, please [EMAIL US](#) with "FracTracker Traffic Study" in the subject line.

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Sign Up/Make a Donation

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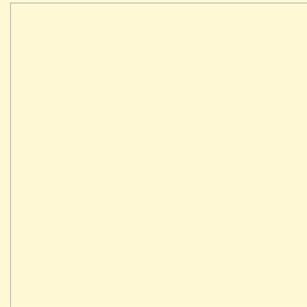
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