

School's Out! Keeping Kids Safe this Summer in SWPA

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**EXPLORING HEALTH IMPACTS OF
 SHALE GAS DEVELOPMENT ON CHILDREN**

On June 6th, EHP hosted an educational training, [Exploring Health Impacts of Shale Gas Development on Children](#), for over 25 health professionals at the Allegheny County Medical Society in Pittsburgh.

Health professionals attending this event included: physicians, nurses, and social workers.

The following speakers addressed new research and data analysis on children's health and shale gas development:

[Hydraulic Fracturing – “Fracking” – and Children’s Health](#)

Peggy Slota, DNP, RN, FAAN
 Director, DNP Graduate Studies
 Associate Professor at Georgetown University

[Examining the Association Between Unconventional Natural Gas Development and Health](#)

Irena Gorski, MPH, PhD Student
 Department of Environmental Health & Engineering
 Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

[Fracking and Health: Policy Practice in New York](#)

Larysa Dyrszka, MD
 Former Director of Pediatrics at Holy Name Hospital, NJ
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 SWPA Environmental Health Project Consultant



A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

**Forecast:
 Hot, Smoggy Summer Ahead**

Southwest PA has notoriously bad air pollution and an unhealthy tendency towards air inversions, particularly in the early morning hours. Our recent failing grade from the “State of the Air” report for Allegheny County should serve as a warning for providers and patients to monitor and manage outdoor air exposure, particularly for vulnerable populations (young, elderly, and immune-compromised) as the weather heats up. For more information on ways to protect patients, yourself and your children, please contact EHP at 724-260-5504. Let’s work together for a safe and healthy summer!

- Raina Rippel, Director

Through the generosity of people like you, EHP’s work has made a difference in the lives of many in the SWPA community and beyond. Your gift allows us to provide access to accurate, timely and trusted public health information and health services associated with UOGD.

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INTERACTIVE LEARNING

[Monitoring the Health Impacts of Fracking and Related Industry](#)

In February, EHP co-hosted a webinar with Halt the Harm Network on our [Shale Gas & Oil Health Registry & Resource Network](#), a tool for allowing those living or working in the shale fields to upload and document their health symptoms and potential exposures to contaminated air and water.

To learn more about the **only national health registry tracking health in regards to shale gas and oil development** and register, watch [here](#).

Join the Health Effects Registry

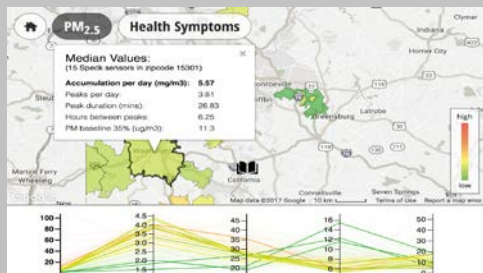


[Lunch and Learn Workshop on the Environmental Health Channel](#)

In April, EHP hosted a Lunch and Learn Workshop to explore the [Environmental Health Channel](#), an interactive web-based platform for sharing citizen-collected fracking-related air and health data and personal photo-narratives.

The channel currently displays over 170 Speck air monitor placements from PA, WV, OH, and NY along with 7 photo-narratives.

Learn what is happening in your zip code by using the [Environmental Health Channel](#).



CHECK OUT OUR NEWEST HANDOUTS

- ✓ [Aggregate/Combination Air Pollution and Shale Gas Development](#)
- ✓ [Biomonitoring and Volatile Organic Compounds \(VOCs\)](#)
- ✓ [Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals \(EDCs\) and Shale Gas Development](#)
- ✓ [Risks to Children at Day Care Centers & Schools Near Shale Gas Development](#)
- ✓ [Shale Gas Development Emissions Control and Regulation](#)

ON THE ROAD...

You may have seen EHP sharing information at...

- Allegheny County Medical Society
- Appalachian Gas Working Group Community Organizing Summit (Weston, WV)
- Better Breathers Support Groups in Uniontown and Washington
- Cancer in the Community: Pittsburgh
- Centerville Clinic's Open House in Carmichaels
- Fracking in the Fox Chapel Area: What to Expect
- Fracking Krendale: What Neighbors Need to Know
- Guilford Town Hall Meeting (Medina County, OH)
- Indiana County Medical Society
- Lung Force Expo

...and many other places!



REMINDER

The Environmental Health Project provides **FREE** services for residents in Southwest PA affected by UOGD.

Contact us at 724-260-5504 for air and water monitors, or to schedule an appointment with our nurse practitioner.

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