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Local community organization to host workshop on the health impacts of noise pollution.
Educational Workshop -Noise Monitoring Workshop

New unconventional gas development has just begun in Penn Township. Protect PT, a community organization working to ensure the safety, security, and quality of life from the effects of unconventional gas development in Penn-Trafford and surrounding communities, has developed a four-part Educational Training Series that equips residents with the resources and information they need during the different phases of shale gas development in Penn Township.

The fourth educational workshop, Noise Monitoring Workshop, will be held at the **Penn Township Ambulance Association on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** Noise is not just a trivial nuisance for residents living near this industrial operation. Studies show that noise can lead to stress and physical health concerns. Dr. Cynthia Richburg Ph.D. and professor of audiology at I.U.P will discuss her study exploring noise pollution and health impacts from shale gas development in Washington, Pennsylvania. Every household attending the event will receive a Home Resource Guide containing the information learned in each workshop to use as a reference at home.

Executive Director Gillian Graber said, "This workshop will provide vital information for our community as unconventional gas development begins in Penn Township. This heavy industrial activity brings with it inherent risks and impacts to residents, including the health hazards associated with noise pollution. Our local government put restrictions on operators in our town, and we want to make sure they adhere to the mandated conditions."

This workshop is made possible by a grant from the national organization, Center for Health, Environment, and Justice. The series of workshops covers air and water quality monitoring, noise monitoring, local and state regulations, and emergency preparedness.

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Executive Director, Gillian Graber said, “ *This workshop will provide vital information to community members regarding sources of air and water pollution during the different phases of this industrial operation. With diligent monitoring and remediate, citizens will learn how to lessen the impacts to their health from pollution caused by gas development*”

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