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Educational Workshop - Air and Water Quality Training

New unconventional gas development will soon be underway 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 third educational workshop, Air and Water Quality Training, will be held at the **Penn Township Ambulance Rescue on September 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** Participants will learn how air and water quality is impacted by shale gas development, what kinds of potential health impacts could occur, and how we can protect ourselves from these impacts as a community. We will also cover how residents can monitor their home's air, streams and private water supplies, before and during unconventional gas development to protect their health. 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 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"*

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

"The Center for Health, Environment & Justice feels privileged to have the ability to provide support to Protect PT's efforts. Protect PT is a strong and vital organization in the area and the trainings the grant supports will provide the group with more understanding and abilities to monitor and challenge violation if and when they occur. Local residents are the most qualified environmental police CHEJ knows," said Lois Marie Gibbs, founder of CHEJ.

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