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Gasland II Premieres in Philadelphia Monday, November 18, Friends Center

Public invited to experience Josh Fox's new film and join discussion afterwards

The myth-piercing documentary Gasland II will be shown for the first time in Philadelphia at 6:30 pm on Monday, Nov. 18 at the Friends Center, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102. After the film, the audience is invited to take part in a discussion that will close at 9:00 pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

Organizations are sponsoring the event to raise awareness about the dangers of fracking and how fracking is impacting the greater Philadelphia region. Food and Water Watch, Clean Air Council, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, PennEnvironment, Greenpeace and Protecting Our Waters are promoting the event and will lead the after-film discussion.

Gasland II demonstrates how the stakes have been raised in this controversial method of natural gas and oil extraction since the release of "Gasland" in 2010. Award-winning filmmaker Josh Fox has described his film as featuring real people – ordinary Americans – whose lives have been upended by the dirty and dangerous process of fracking. The film is part of a national movement to protect the nation's health, water, climate and landscapes from gas development and to promote renewable energy in its stead.

Sam Bernhardt, Pennsylvania Organizer for Food and Water Watch, stated, "We are showing this film to bring the issue home. The "gasland"— the area impacted by fracking and the associated infrastructure — is creeping closer and closer to Philadelphia every day. Fracking is growing, and the fracking industry sees Philadelphia as a potential hub for the transportation and processing of fracking's products. Already, fracking has caused a host of problems in Pennsylvania, from unusable water to public health threats to plummeting property values".

"While the gas industry has big plans for how Philadelphia could become a big gas energy hub by processing, using and distributing gas from the shale fields of

Pennsylvania, Clean Air Council and our coalition partners continue building a strong and strategic movement to ensure that fracking is short-lived and that safe and healthy forms of energy are prioritized,” said **Matt Walker, Community Outreach Director, Clean Air Council.**

““This film provides further evidence of the negative impacts of fracking on the health of our water, air, and communities. As the multifaceted dangers of this practice continue to spread across Pennsylvania, it becomes even more urgent that we turn education into action to avoid further destruction due to fracking.” said **Lina Blount, Field Associate, PennEnvironment.**

“Josh Fox brings to all of us the stories of those who are bearing the brunt of drilling and fracking across the nation. We hope people will join us to experience the film and learn how shale gas development is impacting us here in the Delaware River valley and particularly in the Philadelphia Port and Gas Hub Region,” said **Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director, Delaware Riverkeeper Network.**

"Protecting Our Waters has interviewed people impacted by shale gas development in 12 Pennsylvania counties, so we can verify that Gasland II "gets" the problems caused by fracking. With dangerous Bakken Shale oil trains, toxic flaring at PES, and export projects in the works, Philadelphia is being targeted as a hub for these destructive industries. The public needs to know about the problems with fracked gas and oil. We all need to work together to keep it in the ground and away from Philadelphia,” said **Iris Marie Bloom, Executive Director, Protecting Our Waters.**



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