

MEDIA ALERT

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WHAT: On Monday, a broad coalition of organizations consisting of labor, faith-based, sportsmen, business, national organizations and college/university populations from the states that make up the Delaware River Watershed – New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware – will hold press conferences at five different locations where the voting members of the Delaware River Basin Commission reside. The Delaware press conference will be held at the University of Delaware where Governor Jack Markell has been invited to attend so that he, as a voting member of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), can receive letters from various constituencies asking him to vote against regulations that would allow a controversial gas drilling method known as fracking in the Delaware River Basin for the first time.

WHY: Fracking to extract natural gas involves injecting large quantities of water, sand and over 600 chemicals underground to break up shale and rock. Many of the chemicals are known carcinogens. Fracking could pollute the Delaware River – a drinking water source to over 15 million people living in the region. The DRBC regulations, which would lift a 3-year moratorium and allow between 18,000 and 64,000 fracking wells to be placed in the Delaware River Basin, will receive a final vote on Nov. 21. If the regulations are passed, they will pave the way for horizontal fracking in New Jersey and New York, bring more fracking to Pennsylvania and expose Delaware, the most downstream state in the Basin, to toxic fracking runoff and the impacts of infrastructure development.

WHERE: University of Delaware, Trabant University Center, Downstairs Theatre
19 West Main Street, Newark DE 19716 (Trabant is next to the parking garage)
Click here for a map of the campus <http://maps.rdms.udel.edu/map/index.php?id=NW22>

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 14 at 6:00 pm

PHOTO OP: In addition to the coordinated effort from the aforementioned leaders in the anti-fracking movement, the organizations involved will deliver an anti-fracking letters and petitions from citizens living in the region to Governor Markell.

SPEAKERS:

- Josh Fox, writer/director of the film "Gasland"
- Adam Holubinka, a 2012 Energy & Environmental Policy Major and President of the Students for the Environment at the University of Delaware
- Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director, Delaware Riverkeeper Network