

Media Advisory

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Fight to Protect Philadelphia's Communities from Oil Trains on Saturday, July 11! *Event in Schuylkill River Trails Park will commemorate those who died in Lac-Mégantic derailment and demand protection for Philadelphia from the same fate*

WHO:

Sponsors: Philadelphia Oil Train Working Group: Clean Water Action, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Protecting Our Waters, EDGE, and 350.org

Press Conference Speakers:

Kevin Poole, Northeast Grays Ferry Residents Association, Inc.

Dr. Pouné Saberi, President of Philadelphia Physicians for Social Responsibility

Jed Dodd, General Chairman representing Norfolk Southern, CSX, Amtrak and Conrail workers for the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way

Jessica Gould, President of the West Passyunk Neighbors Association

Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, Social Justice Organizing Program at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

Barry Renninger, Board of Directors of the Locust Point Condominium Association

Press Conference will be moderated by Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director, Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Mary Donahue, Program Organizer, Clean Water Action

WHAT: Residents and activist organizations are coming together at the Park next to the train tracks that carry highly volatile and toxic crude oil every day, in substandard tank cars, over aging infrastructure, threatening those who live and work in the City. In concert with the National Week of Action to stop exploding oil trains, those gathered will remember the 47 people who lost their lives in the Lac-Mégantic, Quebec train derailment two years ago and demand protection for Philadelphia's communities.

People are calling for a ban of all exploding tank cars that are presently used to transport crude oil and are demanding that emergency response plans are disclosed and discussed with the City's communities at public workshops held by the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management. Philadelphia City Council passed a resolution calling for these actions in March: <http://bit.ly/1eJYg9v>

WHEN: Saturday, July 11, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

2:00 pm Gather

2:30 pm Press Conference

3:00 pm Memorial for Lac-Mégantic, Quebec

3:15 pm Jazz Funeral Procession and March led by West Philadelphia Orchestra marching band

4:00 - 5:00 pm Family-friendly Activities with Celebrate Philly theme

WHERE: Schuylkill River Trail Park, gather at S. 25th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA

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