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### **Josh Fox Brings Myth-Piercing Documentary on Fracking “GASLAND Part II” to Trenton, New Jersey Saturday June 15**

***Organizations host two FREE screenings of Gasland sequel to push NJ frack waste ban and to stop fracking harms***

**Trenton, NJ** – Josh Fox, director of the 2011 Academy Award-nominated documentary “Gasland,” will attend a free screening of his upcoming film “Gasland Part II” this Saturday June 15 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm in Trenton at the New Jersey State Museum. This event, hosted by the Bus for Progress, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Food and Water Watch, New Jersey Environmental Federation, New Jersey Sierra Club, and Protecting Our Waters is part of a Grass Roots Tour that Fox is doing across the nation to spur action against fracking and to protect communities. Other screenings are scheduled in New York, California, Colorado, Pennsylvania and other states affected by hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

“Gasland Part II’ features real people – ordinary Americans – whose lives have been upended by the dirty and dangerous process of fracking.” Fox said. “That’s why I’m working with environmental leaders and advocates across the country to protect our health, water, climate and landscapes and to prevent state and federal governments from allowing a path to destruction. We need to educate ourselves and our elected leaders and ban this toxic practice and move vigorously toward renewable energy.”

“Gasland Part 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. At the back to back film screenings at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Fox will be there to answer questions about the film and the misinformation about fracking that is distributed by the oil and gas industry and to roll up his sleeves to work on the issues, targeting regional concerns.

The host organizations are being joined by the partners listed below to encourage people to learn more about gas drilling, fracking and myriad impacts from the build out of the industry's infrastructure and to move forward the campaign to stop it. In New Jersey, the Legislature is considering a vote to override Governor Chris Christie's veto of the Frack Waste Ban Bill the week following the film showing.

"Josh Fox is coming to Trenton to expose fracking and what it is doing to our country and also to warn New Jersey that frack waste will ruin our drinking water and communities if it continues to be dumped here. We expect a big turnout to listen, learn and get active on these issues in our State and across the river in Pennsylvania as well," said Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director, Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

"When the original Gasland came out it was the first time that a movie actually spawned an environmental movement. The film laid out the problems and dangers from fracking in such a clear way that it helped to create the anti-fracking movement that we have today. We believe that Gasland Part II not only will be an important environmental movie but will help us continue the battle against fracking. Here in New Jersey as we try to ban fracking waste from being dumped in our rivers and streams we believe the film will help us in that cause. We believe Gasland II will further crystallize public opinion and aid us significantly in the battle against fracking," said Jeff Tittel, Director, New Jersey Sierra Club.

"Gasland Part II, like its predecessor, will be a powerful tool for dispelling the misinformation campaign the gas and oil industry is perpetuating through state houses across the country, including here in Trenton. We hope that all of the legislators who have yet to take a position on overriding Governor Christie's veto of NJ's fracking waste ban will join hundreds of other attendees and open their eyes to the real risks that fracking poses to drinking water, public health, and the environment," said Jim Walsh, NJ Director of Food & Water Watch.

"This movie is a key educational tool to hold each other and politicians accountable in the Delaware River watershed and beyond. Here in New Jersey we have politicians voting the right way one day and being non-committal the next. Key votes are expected in June and we will be watching," said Dave Pringle, Policy Director, New Jersey Environmental Federation.

"People are starving for the truth about the 'whole fracking enchilada' of shale gas development, from frack pads to waste pits, from black water to fume-filled air, from radioactive drill cuttings to flaring to 'fraccidents'. We count on Josh Fox to tell that truth, giving the harmed a powerful voice, chronicling the uprising which is our movement against extreme fossil fuel extraction," said Iris Marie Bloom, Director, Protecting Our Waters.

Fox invites the public to, "Watch the film, listen to the folks who tell their stories and open your eyes. Question how oil and gas industries have influenced our elected officials and government agencies. Fossil fuels not only pollute the climate: Their moneyed supporters can contaminate our democracy if we let them." There will be a question and answer session and an organizing session with Josh Fox after the screenings.

The public is invited to attend the free events, which will take place at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the auditorium of the New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State St., Trenton, NJ. There is free parking at the Museum. A bus will be making stops in Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean Counties to bring passengers to Trenton for the 7:00 pm screening. For passengers arriving at the Trenton Train Station for the 7:00 pm showing, look for the red/white/blue "Bus for Progress" in front of the main entrance to the station at 6:45 PM. It will provide a free shuttle to the State Museum, and will return to the train station immediately following the event. For more information about the bus go to: [\*\*BUS to Gasland II\*\*](#) . The station is also a short cab ride to the Museum.

People can reserve a seat for the 4:00 pm screening at:

[http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/6791/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=66997](http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/6791/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=66997)

Seats for the 7:00 pm screening are available here:

[http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/6791/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=67110](http://org2.salsalabs.com/o/6791/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=67110)

For more information about "Gasland 2" and the dangers of fracking, please visit [www.gaslandthemovie.com](http://www.gaslandthemovie.com).

To see a trailer of the movie go to: <http://vimeo.com/66351194>

**Partnering Organizations:** 350 NJ \* Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions \* Berks Gas Truth \* Bucks-Mont Sierra Club \* ClimateMama \* Edison Wetlands Association \* Green Party of Essex and Passaic Counties \* GreenFaith \* Industrial Union Council \* Ironbound Community Corporation \* League of Women Voters of New Jersey \* New Jersey Highlands Coalition \* Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry Public Policy Network \* WATERSPIRIT