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Delaware Riverkeeper Network Premieres New Installment of Shale Truth Interview Series On Wednesday, August 21st

Bristol, PA - On Wednesday, August, 21st, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network will present Installment 4 of *Volume 2: Leslie Sauer* of the Shale Truth Interview series, examining the environmental damage caused by natural gas pipelines. Landscape restoration expert Leslie Sauer will discuss why standards to protect and restore sensitive habitat along pipeline routes are so low. With more than a dozen pipelines planned in the Delaware River Basin, Sauer says the type of destruction we are seeing now will explode over the region.

Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, said, "We have seen evidence firsthand of how pipeline companies destroy pristine wetlands and old growth forests. These areas are home to sensitive wildlife and play an important role in protecting the water supply in the Delaware River watershed. Pipelines also damage sustainable jobs, ecotourism, recreation and the quality of life in neighboring or host communities. And pipelines create a new and grotesque incentive for increased fracking and drilling, at a time when we should be turning away from fossil fuels and towards sustainable energy choices."

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is providing these interviews to offer an informed perspective on the impacts of shale gas development. The natural gas industry is spending millions of dollars on advertisements in an effort to sell shale gas as a cleaner and cheaper energy source; however, "this series demonstrates the fallacies and out and out lies the industry is touting in order to further their industry that is doing so much harm to so many, including future generations," added van Rossum.

New videos premiere each Wednesday, and all series videos can be seen on the Delaware Riverkeeper Network's YouTube Channel at <u>http://bit.ly/ShaleTruth</u>.

This week's segment will be the last featuring Sauer. Next week we will begin a series of interviews with Cornell University Professor Anthony Ingraffea, who has debunked industry claims

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drn@delawareriverkeeper.org www.delawareriverkeeper.org that shale gas is a cleaner alternative fuel source similar to solar and wind power. Dr. Ingraffea will discuss the true pollution load from shale gas operations.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network, a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental organization, has been working since 1988 throughout the four states of the Delaware River watershed including New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware. With more than 10,000 members, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network is a vital force in the Watershed, working to ensure the rich and healthy future that can only exist with a clean, healthy and free-flowing river system.

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