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Living in an Industrial Zone

Delaware Riverkeeper Network Premieres New Segment of Shale Truth Interview Series with Dr. Anthony Ingraffea of Cornell University.

Bristol, PA - On Wednesday, September 11th, a new segment of the Shale Truth interview series premieres, in which Dr. Anthony Ingraffea of Cornell University says the gas industry has changed communities, and that many people who once lived in rural or suburban areas now find themselves living in industrial zones. In Wednesday's segment, Dr. Ingraffea, who grew up along the Delaware River, describes how shale gas extraction also releases methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. Dr. Ingraffea is the Dwight C. Baum Professor of Engineering at Cornell University.

In earlier segments, Dr. Ingraffea said the level of pollution already experienced in Pennsylvania from shale gas extraction is just the tip of the iceberg, and the problem will grow significantly in the future.

Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, said, "We need to learn from some of the terrible experiences in other parts of Pennsylvania where gas extraction operations have damaged the landscape, polluted water and changed life for many residents."

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, whereas "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.

All segments of the Shale Truth series can be on the Delaware Riverkeeper Network's YouTube Channel at: http://bit.ly/ShaleTruth. New videos premiere every Wednesday.

Earlier segments have featured energy industry analyst Arthur Berman discussing the real supply of natural gas and future prices, and landscape restoration expert Leslie Sauer examining the damage caused by gas pipeline installations.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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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