

**Please Join Us for a Workshop
June 10, 2014**

**UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT: WHAT DO
WE NEED TO LEARN ABOUT POTENTIAL IMPACTS?**

**HEI's Special Scientific Committee on
Potential Impacts of Unconventional Oil and Gas Development in the Appalachian Basin**

Dear Colleague:

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to a workshop to examine the potential impacts of unconventional oil and gas development in the Appalachian Basin on human health, communities, and the environment. The Health Effects Institute (HEI)¹ has convened a special committee of experts to develop a *Strategic Scientific Research Plan for Understanding the Potential Impacts of Unconventional Oil and Gas Development in the Appalachian Basin*. The plan will be designed to be used by funding agencies and others as a foundation for future research in this complex arena. This 1st workshop provides an opportunity for you and other interested parties to learn about this initiative and to share your ideas, questions and concerns with the committee as it begins its work. **We hope that you can join us because the committee needs to hear from you!**

WHY THIS INITIATIVE NOW?

After other expert reviews and newspaper headlines, questions remain about potential impacts of unconventional oil and gas development on people and the environment. While oil and gas development is well underway in the Appalachian region, it represents only a fraction of what is expected in coming years.

This HEI Committee will provide:

- An *impartial, interdisciplinary, scientific review* of what currently available information tells us and does not tell us about potential impacts
- A *peer-reviewed research plan* that prioritizes what our society needs to understand potential impacts

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

- *Meet HEI's Committee* and learn about its work
 - *Hear invited speakers* summarize the basics of unconventional oil and gas development, its potential impacts on human health, communities, and the environment, and research priorities for understanding them
 - *Add your voice* by contributing your ideas and questions about potential impacts and research priorities
 - *Learn how to participate* beyond this first workshop
- ~ The final agenda will be sent to registrants one week in advance of the workshop ~

Sponsor and Funding

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- RSVP by June 3rd at: <http://www.iop.pitt.edu/HEI/>
- No fee for this broad multi-stakeholder workshop but due to space constraints attendance is by invitation

WHEN AND WHERE

- Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 8:30am to 3:30pm
- Senator John Heinz History Center, 5th Floor, Mueller Center, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
- Parking across the street from the museum at the 11th and Smallman Street parking lot. Other parking options: Smallman Street and 13th, 15th, and 16th, Convention Center Garage, Grant Street Garages

A buffet lunch will be provided

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