

MEDIA ADVISORY

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North Braddock Residents for our Future Protest Merrion Oil & Gas Well Plans

Braddock residents and environmental advocates will turn out at the DEP public meeting on Wednesday to protest Merrion Oil & Gas plans for an unconventional gas development at U.S. Steel Corporation's Edgar Thomson Plant.

The meeting will be held:

Wednesday, March 27th 6:00-8:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) Braddock VFD #2 Social Hall 845 Talbot Avenue, Braddock, PA 15104.

The media is encouraged to attend.

More than 21,000 people live within a two-mile radius of the proposed fracking well.

"Braddock is an environmental justice community. The residents here have had no voice in the plans of the gas industry, which will threaten the health and safety of thousands of residents living in close proximity to this development," said Braddock resident Edith Abeyta, a member of North Braddock Residents for our Future.

The DEP has offered this as an opportunity for the public to learn about the proposed project and DEP's permit application review process, ask questions of DEP officials.

For more information on the proposal go to <u>www.dep.pa.gov/southwest</u> under "Merrion Oil & Gas."