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*Native American Leaders, Environmental Leaders,
Community to Hold Water Ceremony and Rally Outside
Shale Insight Conference Where Trump Will Deliver
Keynote Address*

Pittsburgh, PA--On Wednesday, more than 50 Native American leaders will be in Pittsburgh to participate in a water ceremony followed by a march and rally, coinciding with the 2019 Shale Insight Conference, where President Trump will be delivering the keynote address.

The water ceremony at Point State Park will be led by Cheryl Angel of the Standing Rock Sioux. Native leaders will be joined by faith and community leaders from southwestern Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia and other frontline communities to voice their opposition to the gas industry's planned expansion in the Ohio River Valley and across the country. Following the water ceremony, participants will march down Liberty Avenue to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

As industry executives and President Trump meet inside to discuss the growth of fracked gas, pipelines and petrochemical development, a rally will be held outside with indigenous, faith, youth and health leaders to raise awareness and demand an end to the poisoning of our air, water and land. They will demand more investment in clean industries and jobs that won't harm the health of workers and communities for decades to come.

Native leaders have long been leading the fight to preserve the sanctity of our natural resources, yet people in power have failed to hear their words, unwilling to stop or prevent petrochemical plastics manufacturing.

The rally will also feature the announcement of the People Over Petro coalition, a member-driven coalition working to reverse the expansion of the petrochemical industry in the Appalachian Basin and encourage a clean, renewable and regenerative economic foundation.

Who: Native water protectors, elected officials, environmental groups from across Appalachia, and community members opposed to Trump and the Shale gas industry

What: Water Ceremony followed by Rally

Where: Water ceremony at Point State Park, followed by a march to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center

When: Water ceremony at noon, march at 1PM, rally at 2PM

Media is asked to respectfully refrain from taking photographs during the native water ceremony.

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