



MEDIA ADVISORY – June 8, 2022

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Pennsylvania Climate Convergence 2022 Takes Climate Action at the State Capitol June 11-13, 2022

Harrisburg, Pa. – This weekend, hundreds of advocates, activists and community residents will come together at the state Capitol in Harrisburg to demand that Gov. Tom Wolf, lawmakers, regulators, and other state officials step up and take action to lead our state on climate.

The 3-day event will call out Pennsylvania leaders who have continued to deny climate change while subsidizing continued fossil fuel production and supporting the expansion of the petrochemical industry, fracking and pipelines across the state. The full lineup of events can be found [here](#). Among the concerns:

- In SWPA, leaders are proposing a carbon capture and sequestration hub, a boondoggle that will cost taxpayers well over \$100 billion a year while exacerbating climate change and harming people's health. This hub would also drive up utility bills, create few new jobs, ineffectively reduce emissions, and block better, less costly climate solutions like renewable energy development and energy efficiency retrofits, according to the Ohio River Valley Institute (ORVI). The Shell Petrochemical Plastics Plant will emit 2.2 million tons of CO2 each year.
- In Luzerne County, state leaders have proposed a Nacero gas to gasoline refinery that would emit 500 annual tons of nitrogen oxides associated with exacerbating asthma and 600 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other hazardous air pollutants that will harm communities within 30 miles of the refinery.
- Fracking and pipelines running throughout Pennsylvania, [like Mariner East](#), that emit methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas that fuels the climate crisis. Methane leaks across every stage of the oil and gas supply chain, and creates ideal conditions for extreme weather and deadly heat in every zip-code.

We invite media to 2 press conferences this weekend:

Friday, June 10, 2022
ZOOM Kickoff Press Conference
10 a.m. on Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3702199658>

NOON, Monday June 13, 2022
Installation of the 6' Climate Countdown Clock
East Rotunda, Harrisburg Capitol
In Person and ZOOM
Debra Smit is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PA Climate Convergence 2022 ZOOM Presser
Time: Jun 13, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85303335923>

Looking to line up an interview? Text Deb Smit 412-760-7677

Visit Our Media Table at Kunkel Plaza in Riverfront Park for a Press Packet or Check [Online](#).

Please [RSVP](#) for the Press Conferences.

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