



Pittsburgh's World Environment Action Day 2025

Messaging (Saturday, July 12, 2025)

- The Pittsburgh action is a PEACEFUL call for **federal and state governments, communities and individuals** to come together to address the environmental crises that threaten our health, livelihoods and planet. This day focuses on different environmental themes spotlighting urgent environmental issues like air pollution, plastic waste, climate change, policy challenges, labor concerns and ecosystem restoration.
- This day reminds us that **we all have a role to play** in protecting our air, water, land, climate and community justice. In Pennsylvania, this aligns with our **constitutional right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of natural resources**, a right that must be defended for current and future generations.
- Our target is to hold the **local, federal and state government accountable** for the decisions being made that will take terrible toll on human health and the environment, especially for residents in environmental justice communities. Too many decisions have been made to rollback air and water pollution protections that will result in environment and health issues. Frontline communities and residents especially deserve a voice in these decisions. This action will give residents opportunities to engage with the larger environmental activist community in support of environmental and public health issues.

Federal Accountability

- We must save the Environmental Protection Agency to protect the air we breathe and the water we drink.
- Without EPA on the job, Americans everywhere will be at greater risk from toxic pollution that causes cancer, asthma attacks, lung disease, and other health threats.
- EPA investments in communities across the country put people to work replacing lead pipes, cleaning up Superfund sites, revitalizing Brownfield sites, and ensuring America's water systems are safe, up-to-date, and more resilient to disasters.
- EPA Protects People's Health. The Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act are American success stories that have improved the health of Americans across generations.
- Air Quality: Trump's plans to roll back tailpipe and smokestack standards will lead to 100 million asthma attacks and cause 200,000 premature deaths that could be avoided if we leave the standards in place.

Efforts to weaken EPA will also lead to more climate pollution, putting our safety, health and economy at risk from fires, storms, floods and droughts.

State and Local Accountability

- The boom-and-bust economic cycle keeps repeating itself. The state must play a vital role in successfully transitioning the state's economy away from destabilizing fossil fuels and ushering in a new era of clean, innovative industry.
- We call on state and local leadership to defend the health of frontline communities from the health impacts of industrial air and water pollution.
- We ask state leaders to increase the setback distances from shale gas infrastructure.
- We ask state and local leaders to initiate more transparency and interaction with impacted communities and work boldly to transition away from fossil fuels and toward renewable forms of energy.