

Please Join Us for a Workshop July 30, 2015

STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR RESEARCH ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF 21ST CENTURY OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT IN THE APPALACHIAN REGION AND BEYOND

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

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the third and final workshop to examine research needs related to potential impacts of 21st century oil and gas development in the Appalachian Basin. The Health Effects Institute (HEI)¹ has convened a special committee of experts to develop a *Strategic Agenda for Research on the Potential Impacts of 21st Century Oil and Gas Development in the Appalachian Region and Beyond*. The *Strategic Agenda* is designed for use by funding agencies and others as a foundation for future research about potential impacts on human health and well-being, ecological health, and the environment. This final workshop provides an opportunity for you and other interested parties to hear a presentation of the *Draft Strategic Agenda* and to share with the committee your comments on the draft report and recommendations for research.

We hope that you can join us because the Committee needs to hear from individuals and organizations with knowledge and experience regarding this complex, multi-disciplinary topic!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- RSVP by July 23rd at: <http://www.iop.pitt.edu/hei/>
- No fee for this workshop but due to space constraints attendance is by invitation only

WHEN AND WHERE

- Thursday, July 30, 2015 from 8:30am to 3:30pm
- Fairmont Pittsburgh, 510 Market Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

A buffet lunch will be provided

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WHY THIS INITIATIVE NOW?

After other expert reviews and newspaper headlines, questions remain about potential impacts of 21st century 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 agenda* that prioritizes the scientific research needed to understand potential impacts.

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

- *Meet HEI's Committee* and learn about its work
- *Hear a Presentation* of the Committee's *Draft Strategic Agenda*
- *Add your voice* by sharing with the HEI Committee your research recommendations and comments on the *Draft Strategic Agenda*
- *Learn how to participate* beyond this final workshop

~ The final agenda and web link to the *Draft Strategic Agenda for Research* will be sent to registrants in advance of the workshop ~

Sponsor and Funding

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