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**Breaking: Comprehensive New Study Links Fracking Activity in Pennsylvania to  
Increased Risk of Asthma Attacks**  
***Pennsylvanians Against Fracking Calls on Governor Wolf and Physician General  
Levine to stop poisoning residents***

[The Johns Hopkins study](#), published July 18 in JAMA Internal Medicine, found that people with asthma who live near bigger or larger numbers of active unconventional natural gas wells operated by the fracking industry in Pennsylvania are 1.5 to four times likelier to have asthma attacks than those who live farther away. The fracking industry has developed more than 9,000 wells in Pennsylvania in just the past decade.

The study on fracking and asthma comes about a year after a [comprehensive study](#) linking premature births and at-risk pregnancies to fracking. Data on over 10,000 pregnancies in Pennsylvania from 2009 to 2013 showed odds of premature births increased 40% when expectant mothers live in heavily fracked communities. The vast majority of studies find risks and harms; a [recent peer-reviewed study](#) analyzing all of the relevant peer-reviewed literature found that, "the great majority of science contains findings that indicate concerns for public health, air quality and water quality."

Thousands will converge at the [March for a Clean Energy Revolution](#) that will occur in Philadelphia on July 24, 2016 on the eve of the Democratic National Convention to demand the country end its reliance upon polluting fossil fuels and dirty energy and move to a truly clean, renewable energy future.

"This Johns Hopkins study is the latest of many studies showing that fracking poses a grave threat to not only our health, but also our climate, water, air and communities. We will be marching in Philadelphia to call on our elected officials to heed these concerns and take immediate action by implementing a national ban on fracking," said **Bridget Shields of Marcellus Protest and Pennsylvanians Against Fracking**.

**Karen Feridun of Berks Gas Truth and Pennsylvanians Against Fracking** said, "This Johns Hopkins study should be a wake-up call to Governor Wolf and Physician General Levine that

fracking is causing serious harm to Pennsylvania children and families. How can Governor Wolf sit idly by as study after study comes out revealing severe health impacts to his constituents as a result of his pro-fracking policies?"

**About Pennsylvanians Against Fracking**

Pennsylvanians Against Fracking is a statewide coalition of organizations, institutions, and businesses calling for a halt to fracking in the Commonwealth. Learn more about Pennsylvanians Against Fracking at [paagainstfracking.org](http://paagainstfracking.org).

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