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## RESIDENTS OPPOSE FRACKING ZONE ORDINANCE

Say Fracking Can't Be Done Safely

Wrightstown Township, PA, July 27, 2015—

Area residents will gather at 6PM Monday August 3, in the Wrightstown Friends Meeting to hear an update on fracking (hydraulic fracturing of gas shale) in Bucks County presented by Richmond Shreve, Marguerite Chandler and others concerned about the possibility of unsafe shale gas extraction being attempted in Bucks County. The issue arose when the Jointure (Wrightstown, Upper Makefield, and Newtown Townships) began reviewing a proposed Zoning Ordinance that purported to limit drilling to a special drilling zone in the vicinity of the Wrightstown quarries.

Following the Meetinghouse briefing, the group will travel to the Wrightstown Municipal Building to attend the scheduled meeting of the Supervisors and express their concerns. Shreve says, "This is not so much a protest as a showing of concern and support. Nobody really wants fracking. But the Supervisors have been told they will have no control over fracking unless they enact a zoning ordinance to regulate it."

The draft ordinance was prepared by the attorney for Upper Makefield, currently the lead township of the Joint Municipal Zoning Organization (JMZO). The draft has been reviewed in Upper Makefield and Newtown Township but no action has been taken. Marguerite Chandler, a resident of Pennswood Village, said, "The draft ordinance is totally inadequate to control the risks of fracking to health, air and water, and the quality of life in our region." Chandler has been tracking the development of a much more comprehensive approach in other Pennsylvania Municipalities. Local farmer Beth Ann Rinkus of

Buckingham said, “We can find other sources of energy, but we can’t run our farm or live without water.”

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network and other environmental groups are active in seeking to make permanent a drilling moratorium imposed by the Delaware River Basin Commission. The Riverkeeper recently published “Unsafe and Unsustainable,” a scathing critique of the shale-gas industry’s “best practices” document. Environmentalists have criticized both the industry and its state and federal regulators for failing to protect communities from the ravages of the shale energy boom.

B-Cause has a comprehensive website, [NoFrackingBucks.net](http://NoFrackingBucks.net), which offers many articles explaining and documenting the local, regional and global damage being done by fracking.

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