

**Press Release
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**Library's Fracking Facts Series Resumes with
Two New Programs**

The Ohio County Public Library's new "Fracking Facts" series about Marcellus Shale drilling issues in the Ohio Valley will continue on Tuesday evening October 22 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Ben Stout, a widely respected ecologist and professor of biology at Wheeling Jesuit University, will present a program called, "Is Wheeling to become a hazardous waste destination?"

Dr. Stout will explore Wheeling's experience with "frackwater" and disclose what studies have shown is really being carried in "brinewater" and "residual waste trucks." Reports that workers fell ill at the Wheeling sewage treatment plant led to an investigation by West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. Trucks carrying Marcellus Shale "brinewater" or "residual waste" were sampled as they entered one such industrial facility and data from brinewater trucks sampled by WVDEP was obtained by a citizen group via a Freedom of Information Act request. At the program, Dr. Stout will reveal and discuss the implications of the results.

The following week, on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30 pm, the library will host a free screening of the documentary film, Gasland Part 2, directed by Josh Fox. The program will be presented in partnership with Wheeling Water Warriors, FaCTOV, and Ohio Valley Peace. Former Pittsburgh City Councilman Doug Shields will be in attendance.

Like all library programs, the "Fracking Facts" series is free and open to the public. Please call 304-232-0244 or visit ohiocountylibrary.org for more information.

