

AC Countywide Frack Ban: Backgrounder/ Board of Health Meeting Talking Points & Tips

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1symAYwqWTGWyCS0R188OjM5NqvdCiOX0ZrojTm4DYJc/edit?tab=t.0>

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16ayxtU8vqyVPsVfSFJpfG0j-7h3SHBd6/view>

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<https://fwaction.us/banfrackingac>

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[Per the Allegheny Board of Health instructions:](#)

- Speakers may address agenda and non-agenda items for a maximum of three minutes. Written copies of comments are welcome, but not required.
- Use the [Public Hearing Participation contact form](#) or call 412-687-2243 to make speaking requests.
- Individuals who wish to send written comments to the Board should use this [Contact form](#). These comments go directly to members of the Board of Health and will be summarized at the meeting.

Talking Points/Questions to the BOH

- Has the BOH considered how the fracking industry could be exacerbating the asthma instances in Allegheny County?
- What steps are being taken to reduce the rate of chronic disease in Allegheny County?

- The DOH study states children living within one mile of fracking are 5 to 7 times more likely to develop lymphoma. What steps are being taken to protect Allegheny County's children?
- Do you have relatives, friends, or loved ones who live near fracking sites (asking personal stories)
- Health impacts on oil and gas workers
 - Additional comments inspired by Petroleum 238

***Reminder* that the Board of Health's duties include:**

- Formulating rules and regulations for the prevention of disease
- Preventing or fixing conditions that constitute a threat to public health
- Promoting and preserving public health
- Reviewing and approving [Clean Air Fund](#) expenditures

Tips on telling your personal story:

[“Telling your Personal Story” training](#)

Story of Self —> Story of Us —> Story of Now¹

Your story has the power to influence change—let the Allegheny County Board of Health hear it!

Personal testimonies provide valuable insight into the real-world consequences of fracking that may otherwise be overlooked. Your experiences can help highlight critical issues such as air and water quality, public health risks, and long-term environmental impacts, urging policymakers to take a closer, more compassionate look at the effects of this practice. By speaking up, you not only advocate for your own well-being but also stand in solidarity with others who might be suffering in silence.

1. Take a moment to introduce yourself and the issue; then,
2. Connect with your audience by telling them why they are important, what stake they have in the fight, and how they can meaningfully take action (it's always about how they can take action!). Be genuine toward every audience.
3. Finally, explain the urgency of acting right now. Are people in danger/being harmed right now?

¹ Adapted from Marshall Ganz's organizing workshops at the Kennedy School of Government. A more in-depth resource on these techniques may be found here:
<http://marshallganz.usmblogs.com/files/2012/08/Public-Narrative-Worksheet-Fall-2013-.pdf>

