

Interested in discussing the links amongst energy development, groundwater quality and public health? Participate in upcoming focus groups organized by Penn State researchers!



Overview: A Penn State research team is currently researching these topics in Beaver, Washington and Greene Counties. We are looking to gather community insights at upcoming focus groups, which will consist of 12-15 community members.

Process: The focus groups will last approximately 90-minutes. We will record and transcribe the focus groups. The recordings and transcriptions will only be shared with our research team. Your participation is voluntary and you can stop participating at any time. All responses will also be anonymized.

When and where:

County	Date	Time	Location
Beaver	June 23	6:30-8pm	Penn State Beaver Campus

Why participate? Your input will inform a geoscientific analysis of a water sampling database collected in the region (7,000 samples). Additionally, the findings will be shared with representatives from various government agencies, including the US Environmental Protection Agency, the PA Environmental Protection Agency and the PA Department of Health all while keeping your personal data confidential.

As a thank you: light refreshments will be served.

Registration: To register, please fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/xb4EuXzfBm>. Or, get in touch with Dr. Jennifer Baka, the Principal Investigator or Owen Harrington, a Penn State Graduate Student in Geography who will be helping to conduct the focus groups. Dr. Baka: jeb525@psu.edu, 814-865-9656
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For more information: Please see the project website: <https://www.heienergy.org/research/water-quality/baka>