

Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

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On February 12 Community Groups in Three Southern States to Launch Campaign to Halt Natural Gas Contamination: Safeguard America's Resources

On Thursday, February 12, 2015, community groups in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia will hold a day of press conferences, marches and rallies to call for a halt to natural gas facilities in all three states. This day of action will focus public pressure on local government officials. February 12 will provide a patriotic backdrop to the unified call to defend communities from pipelines, compressor stations, power plants, hydrofracking wells and waste dumps and the pollution they bring.

The three-state unified message is a call to give affected communities the right to say no. For example, in Georgia, residents will call for a halt to natural gas pipelines and for divestment from fossil fuels. In North Carolina, community leaders will call for a halt to air pollution caused by natural gas electric generation and compressor stations, hydrofracking, waste dumps and coal ash. In Virginia, leaders will rally against the devastating impacts of natural gas pipelines on many mountain communities.

These are some of the events planned:

Who: Concerned citizens from Floyd, Franklin and Roanoke counties, Virginia
What: Press conference at Floyd Country Store; march and demonstration to follow
When: Thursday, February 12th at 12:00 PM
Where: The Floyd Country Store, 206 South Locust Street, Floyd, VA 24091 and march to Warren Lineberry Memorial Park.

Who: Concerned Citizens of Richmond County, North Carolina
What: Press conference at departure point of caravan and citizens rally
When: Thursday, February 12th at 11:00 AM
Where: Front of Old Richmond County Courthouse downtown Rockingham, NC.

Who: Pee Dee W.A.L.L (Protecting our Water, Air, Land, and Lives)
What: Press conference at departure point of caravan
When: Thursday, February 12th at 2:00 PM
Where: Front of Anson County Courthouse uptown Wadesboro, North Carolina

Who: Environmental Lee and concerned citizens from Lee County, North Carolina
What: Press conference and rally and prayer vigil against coal ash
When: Thursday, February 12th at 1:00 PM
Where: Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 1713 Colon Rd, Sanford NC 27330

Who: Wiregrass Activists for Clean Energy in Valdosta, Georgia
What: Students and residents will call for VSU to divest from fossil fuels.
When: Thursday, February 12 at 1:00pm
Where: Valdosta State University, Odum Library, 1500 N Patterson St, Valdosta, Georgia 31698

The Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League was founded in 1984 by people concerned about a national nuclear waste dump in the southern Appalachian Mountains. Today, BREDL has projects and members in seven states working to protect the environment and public health.

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