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PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES CHEER GOV. WOLF'S ACTION TO COMBAT OIL AND GAS AIR POLLUTION
Moms led charge, governor heeded call on methane emissions

PITTSBURGH, PA (June 8, 2018)—With today's announcement on finalized methane general permits, Gov. Tom Wolf has kept his promise to Pennsylvania families to help clean our air by removing harmful air pollution. The general permits – GP-5 and GP-5a – call for, among other provisions, accelerated leak detection and repair of methane emissions from new sources of oil and gas operations and infrastructure and are a critical step to protecting the health and welfare of Pennsylvania children and communities.

Methane is released by the oil and gas industry alongside co-pollutants including benzene – a known carcinogen – with the effect of warming our atmosphere and leading to the formation of ground-level ozone (smog) that exacerbates asthma, bronchitis and other lung ailments in our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

Statement of Karin Quimby, national field director, Moms Clean Air Force:

"The over one million members of Moms Clean Air Force have long called for the strongest possible protections against oil and gas methane emissions. This pollution is unnecessary and unacceptable and Gov. Wolf is to be lauded for placing Pennsylvania's oil and gas protections for new sources of oil and gas air pollution as among the strongest in the nation."

Statement of Patrice Tomcik, Pennsylvania field organizer and national oil & gas coordinator, Moms Clean Air Force:

"At a time when federal action on air pollution is under attack, Gov. Wolf's action today makes clear that strong leadership at the state level is the key to protecting our children. Moms across Pennsylvania, **including those directly impacted from oil and gas pollution such as myself**, strongly support the governor and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in finishing the job by enacting common-sense rules to combat methane pollution from the thousands of existing sources of oil and gas infrastructure that criss-cross our state. No family, no child, is immune to this pollution, and we won't rest until every Pennsylvania family is protected."

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