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LEAGUE LAUNCHES ANTI-FRACKING TOUR NOVEMBER 18-21

Lois Gibbs Featured Speaker

No Toxic Trespass—No Fracking Way!

Next week the statewide Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League will launch a four-day barnstorming tour of cities and towns across North Carolina's fracking zone. Spanning the state with a series of events from Stokes County in the north to Anson County in the south, the tour will feature the nationally-recognized mother of the grassroots environmental movement, Lois Gibbs.

The theme of the tour will be "No Toxic Trespass—No Fracking Way!" Lois Gibbs, who organized her community in Love Canal, New York, and triumphed in establishing the Superfund for toxic chemical cleanups, will be the featured speaker at press conferences, community meetings, and public forums. The national organization she founded, the Center for Health, Environment and Justice, is opposing fracking in many states and has a vast experience with the public health and community impacts of the invasive natural gas extraction process.

The tour will visit Winston-Salem, Sanford, Raleigh, Pittsboro and Wadesboro, spanning the Triassic Basin, the prime target for fracking. The tour schedule and sites will be:

November 18

- 11:00 AM: Press conference at City Hall, 101 N Main St, Winston-Salem, NC, 27101.
- 7:00 PM: Community meeting at 7:00 pm, Germanton United Methodist Church, 3615 NC 8 & 65 Hwy, Germanton NC, 27019.

November 19

- 11:00 AM: Press conference, Lee County Courthouse, 1408 S Horner Blvd, Sanford, NC, 27330.
- 7:00 PM: Candlelight vigil and community meeting, Cumnock Union United Methodist Church, 851 Cumnock Rd, Sanford, NC, 27330.

November 20

- Morning: Press Briefing, Raleigh, place to be announced.
- Mid-day: Informational Meeting with student group, NC State University
- 7:00 PM: Public Forum at Central Carolina Community College Multi-Purpose Room 7, 764 West St, Pittsboro, NC, 27312.

November 21

- 12:00 Luncheon meeting, Hampton Allen Library, 120 S. Greene St. Wadesboro, 28170
- 1:00 PM: Press conference, Hampton Allen Library, 120 S. Greene St. Wadesboro, 28170

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