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## **HYDROFRACKING AS SEEN THROUGH THE LENS OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

*Rochester, NY* - - Dr. David O. Carpenter and David Kowalski, Ph.D. will speak at a public forum about hydraulic fracturing (hydrofracking) and public health on Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The event will take place in the Panara Theater at the LBJ Building on the RIT campus.

The panelists will discuss the potential impacts to human health through environmental contamination that could result from hydraulic fracturing and its related activities.

**Dr. David O. Carpenter** is a public health physician and serves as Director of the Institute for Health and the Environment at the University at Albany. He is also Professor of Environmental Health Sciences within the School of Public Health at the University at Albany. He previously served as director of the Wadsworth Laboratory of the NYS Department of Health. Carpenter also served on New York's Renewable Energy Task Force, charged with implementing plans to reduce electricity use through new energy efficiency programs in industry and government. Carpenter, who received his doctorate from Harvard Medical School, has more than 350 peer-reviewed publications to his credit and has edited 5 books. He has a new book coming out this summer entitled "Effects of Persistent and Bioactive Organic Pollutants on Human Health".

**David Kowalski, Ph.D.** was a principal investigator at Buffalo's Roswell Park Cancer Institute for 35 years, directing DNA research funded by the National Institutes of Health. He was also a professor in Roswell's Graduate Division of the University at Buffalo. Kowalski is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of UB CLEAR, the Coalition for Leading Ethically in Academic Research. In retirement, he became interested in how various energy sources impact our environment and health. He has delivered educational talks on shale gas extraction by high volume hydrofracking at colleges and communities.

This event is free, fully accessible and ASL interpreted.

*This forum is organized by R-CAUSE (Rochesterians Concerned About Unsafe Shale-gas Extraction) co-founded by Anna Sears and Nedra Harvey: <http://www.r-cause.net/>.. The co-sponsors are the Sierra Club - Rochester Regional Group, St. Monica's Creation Stewards, and Interfaith Alliance of Rochester.*

Media, please note: interviews may be arranged.

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