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**What: Zombie Action and press conference
Where: Traffic Circle, Uptown Normal, IL
When: Tuesday, October 30, noon
Visuals**



ZOMBIES CLAIM DRINKING FRACKING WATER CAUSED THEIR ZOMBIFICATION; ILLINOIS PEOPLE'S ACTION CALLS FOR A BAN ON FRACKING

NORMAL, IL- Representatives of Illinois People's Action will call for a ban on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) during a zombie fracking event at noon on October 30 at the Uptown Normal traffic circle.

"You can't drink money," says Mary Bechtel, an IPA member who is outspoken against hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"). "It would only take 73 wells to drain Lake Bloomington. Furthermore, it is unsafe to our water, our air and people." Bechtel is one of several IPA leaders who will be speaking at the press conference Tuesday.

IPA is proposing a ban on fracking. "Other communities have banned it and we can too." reports Bill Rau, another IPA leader who will be speaking at the event, says, "We need to focus on alternative, renewable sources of energy, like wind." Rau has been a strong proponent of electrical aggregation which would allow residents to choose cheap sources of energy (like wind) that use miniscule amounts of water compared to water-guzzling fossil fuel sources.

Bechtel and Rau will be surrounded by a host of zombies who claim they have been zombified by drinking fracking water. "I used to be alive," says one zombie. "But then I drank fracking water." IPA says, "Stop the zombification of McLean County. BAN fracking. If you won't BAN fracking—RUN!"

Illinois People's Action (IPA) is Illinois' largest statewide faith-based community organization with chapters in Springfield, Bloomington-Normal, Peoria, Champaign/Urbana, Peoria, and East St. Louis. IPA has a 15-year history of organizing on social and economic justice issues. IPA is an affiliate of National People's Action. www.illinoispeoplesaction.org

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