

To the Editor,

I would like to inform my education community about my investigations and research that I have been doing for the last couple of years to figure out why people from our community have been getting sick. Several members of the community have been affected from activities for water uncontaminated in all until today. I am standing up for all of us and letting all of you from our community know that the gas company is the blamer for all of this. I conducted many experiments, and interviewed many of the sick adults who are hospitalized right now. They all have the same symptoms, and in my research for gas furnaces, I found out that gas furnaces can hurt our lungs.

The gas company may have had a leak and they were not aware of it either until today when the symptoms show in our community. We cannot let this just pass as they can't let all stand together to let this know that we will fight for our community. If gas furnaces are allowed to sit long, we can become seriously ill. It is bad that by installing these furnaces, increased asthma, respiratory illness, and increased lung functions can develop in time. (American Lung Association) Natural gas is dirty compared to electricity. Studies by the California Institute of Technology and others have found that over 1000 toxic gas furnace when cooking. Gas furnaces include materials that, metal and other radioactive materials.

BTX (Benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene), organo-phosphate compounds such as methyl mercury organo-arsenic and organo-lead, nitrogen oxides, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and particulates, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds (including formaldehyde), and hundreds of other chemicals."

The strategies that I applied include to help my investigations were, interviewing the sick patients, observing the gas companies employees and asking questions to them, conducting an experiment of my own with a heater. As I interviewed these gas ill people from our community I found out that most of them had all the symptoms of increased lung functions and respiratory illness. I thought to myself that has to be the reason why something was wrong with our natural gas. My investigation continued at the gas company, where I found out that employees had been showing signs at work and other employees not being able to take the shifts. This concluded in a gas leakage that made our community suffer with consequences.

I will have today to ask all members of my community to take a stand that just for us, but to the people that have lost lives and those who are fighting right now in the hospital for their lives. We need to fight for the rights of our community, and from the gas company pay the money that we have used on doctor visits and medications. We need to fight to get what we deserve. We also need to fight and make the gas company pay entire employees, so that if someone is laid off, they have a back-up plan to take care of her staff. By standing together as a community, we will make sure we are all heard and there is something done to stop the symptoms.

Thank you for standing together, and making a difference for our community and for our future leaders of this community (our children.)

Sincerely,  
A Concerned Citizen