



## Resolution Recognizing National Chemical Disaster Awareness Day

**Endorsing Organizations:** Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, Alliance of South Asians Taking Action (ASATA), American Sustainable Business Council, Amnesty International USA, Asian Pacific Environmental Network, BASEstud.io, Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Community (BCMAC), Between the Waters, Beyond Pesticides, Black Women for Wellness, Breathe Project, Campaign for Lead Free Water, Campus-Community Partnership for Health, Center for Oil and Gas Organizing, Center for Progressive Reform, CHIPS Communities United, Claymont Coalition for Environmental Justice, Clean Air Action, Clean Production Action, Clear the Air, Columbus Community Bill of Rights, Coming Clean, Comunidades Aliadas Tomando Acción, Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice, CRLA Foundation, Earthjustice, Earthworks, Eastern Shore Community Health Partners, Inc., Ecology Center, Environmental Justice Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform (EJHA), Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, Wilmington, Delaware, Farmworker Association of Florida, Friends of the Earth US, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA), Government Accountability Project, Greenpeace USA, Habitable, Health Care Without Harm, Hindus for Human Rights, India Civil Watch International, Institute for Policy Studies, International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal (ICJB), International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR), International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN), JOIN for Clean Air, Los Jardines Institute, Mountain Watershed Association, Move Past Plastic (MPP), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), OH Train Derailment, Oil and Gas Action Network, Original United Citizens of Southwest Detroit, People Concerned About Chemical Safety, People Over Petro Coalition, Pesticide Action and Agroecology Network (PAN), Physicians for Social Responsibility of Pennsylvania, PODER, Public Citizen, Public Rail Now, Rail Pollution Protection Pittsburgh (RP3), Railroad Workers United, Rise Up WV, Rural Coalition, San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper, Sierra Club, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services, The New School, Three Rivers Waterkeeper, Toxic-Free Future, UAW Region 6, Union of Concerned Scientists, Unity Council for the East Palestine, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, and Zero Waste.

## **What they are saying ...**

### **Allison Davis, Executive Director of the Pesticide Action Network North America:**

“The 1984 Bhopal disaster at a pesticide manufacturing plant was the worst industrial disaster in history, and the unfathomable loss of life and generations of health impacts ignited a global movement that continues today. We must finally hold accountable the corporations that made such an unconscionable disaster possible, and create strong safeguards for communities hosting industrial chemical plants. Pesticides continue to be manufactured around the world in unsafe conditions, from LaPorte, Texas to Cancer Alley in Louisiana to Johannesburg, South Africa. We applaud the effort for a National Chemical Disaster Awareness Day and the attention this will bring to the harms so many communities face.”

### **Gary Cohen, President of Health Care Without Harm:**

“Bhopal is the iconic example of the petrochemical industry’s culture of treating people and the environment as expendable. At the same time, it is also a powerful testimony to people’s tenacious struggle for health and justice.”

### **Manish Bapna, President and CEO of Natural Resources Defense Council:**

“It is essential that we remember and continue to address the issues that led to the horror in Bhopal. That awareness is key to the vigilance and community protection policies needed here and across the globe to avoid similar, preventable industrial disasters.”

### **Basav Sen, Director of the Climate Policy Program at the Institute for Policy Studies:**

“40 years after the Bhopal chemical disaster, we’re still fighting to hold corporations accountable for harmful toxic exposure in nearby communities, from Bhopal to East Palestine, Ohio to Conyers, Georgia. We need strong safeguards to prevent future tragedies, so that our communities and public health do not continue to be sacrificed by the horrific fallout of chemical disasters. Designating December 3 as National Chemical Disaster Awareness Day will send a strong signal to chemical manufacturers: it’s time to put our communities’ well-being ahead of corporate profits.”

### **Amnesty International USA:**

“The Bhopal gas tragedy, a devastating industrial disaster, highlighted the intersection of environmental racism and corporate irresponsibility. The hazardous chemicals from the pesticide plant continue to contaminate and poison the community today, forty years after the initial leak. Amnesty supports designating the anniversary of the disaster, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, as National Chemical Disaster Awareness Day and ask that the survivors finally receive justice.”

### **Adam Barrington, National Organizer for Public Rail Now:**

“Public Rail Now is proud to express our solidarity with the people of Bhopal, who continue to suffer the impacts of the catastrophic injustice perpetrated by Union Carbide forty years ago. The Bhopal chemical disaster, like all disasters caused by corporate negligence and greed, was a crime against humanity, and it is time for those responsible to be held to account.”

**Nick Wurst, General Secretary of the Railroad Workers United:**

"RWU stands in solidarity with all victims of disasters, especially those resulting from negligence or intentional cost-cutting by corporations and the political parties and politicians who enable them. The fight for workplace safety, community safety, and justice for working-class people affected by disaster is the same, whether in Bhopal, East Palestine, Lac-Megantic or anywhere else in the world. Ultimately the best hope for building safe economies free of harmful corporate interest is working-class action. We have the power!"