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## **Public Rally to Stop Titan Set for UNCW Campus**

WILMINGTON – Groups trying to stop Titan America from building a controversial cement plant north of Wilmington will host a public rally on the campus of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington to show a documentary about another community's successful fight against a cement plant and to unveil a new campaign to stop Titan.

The Stop Titan Action Network will hold the rally on Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Lumina Theater in the Fisher Student Center at UNCW. The rally will start at 6:30 p.m. The network is a coalition of eight groups, including the N.C. Coastal Federation.

Titan wants to build a cement manufacturing plant and massive strip mine on the Northeast Cape Fear River, seven miles north of downtown Wilmington. It would be the fourth-largest cement plant in the country and the largest proposed for a coastal area. At least 1,000 acres of wetlands will be destroyed by the strip mine that will be dug for the limestone needed to make cement. The kilns will discharge mercury and other toxins into the air, threatening public health and the environment.

Those attending the rally will get an update on the efforts so far to stop Titan. The federation joined seven other groups to form the Stop Titan Action Network. They are: Cape Fear River Watch, Friends of the Lower Cape Fear, Citizens Against Titan, Penderwatch & Conservancy, N.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club, Southern Environmental Law Center and Duke University Environmental Law & Policy Clinic.

The groups are working with thousands of people, hundreds of physicians, the local state legislative delegation and statewide groups and coalitions to raise public awareness. The groups prevented Titan from obtaining its state air permit and won a major court victory when a superior court judge ruled that Titan must undergo a state review of the plant's proposed impacts before any state permits can be issued. Titan has appealed that decision.

A highlight of the rally will be the screening of *Two Square Miles*, a film that follows people of Hudson Valley, N.Y., as they successfully stop the construction of a cement manufacturing plant in their community. People from the Hudson Valley who were influential in the fight and in making the film will be present to answer questions after the screening.

There will be a free reception in the Clock Tower Lounge at UNCW after the documentary. During the reception, network members and people from Hudson Valley will be available for questions on how to get involved in stopping Titan. We will have sign-up sheets available for coming volunteer opportunities with displays and information on the issues this project poses for our community. There will be light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided.

For more information about the Titan proposal, visit our Website at [www.nccoast.org](http://www.nccoast.org). For more information on this event, contact Mike Giles, the coastal advocate in the federation's Southeast Region, at [mikeg@nccoast.org](mailto:mikeg@nccoast.org) or at 910-509-2838.