

I Support Strong Methane Pollution Protections



Dear EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy –

We can't stop methane leaks if we don't check for them. But, the proposed new source rule for methane pollution currently lacks strong requirements for oil and gas companies to regularly find and fix dangerous methane leaks at all facilities.

As you're aware, methane is a powerful greenhouse gas, 84 times more potent than carbon pollution in its first 20 years in the atmosphere, and responsible for 25% of the climate change we're experiencing today. Methane pollution also speeds the pace of climate change, which has many dangerous impacts including hotter temperatures associated with unhealthy levels of ozone pollution – which is linked to asthma attacks, cardiovascular disease, as well as premature death. Those who are most vulnerable are the ones who suffer the most.

It is an ethical and moral imperative to address methane pollution because it is for the common good and good stewardship. Many states have already enacted monitoring requirements because they know they can't afford to let these dangerous leaks go undetected. Please follow their lead and finalize a new source rule that protects our health and our neighborhoods by requiring natural gas companies to find and fix methane leaks at all of their facilities on a quarterly basis, without exemptions.

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