

Citizen Voices to the EPA: We Support Big Reductions in Methane Emissions!

(NOTE: Please feel free to use the comments below as a guide. You can submit your own comments to the EPA [here](#) by February 13th, 2023.)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input on the proposed stricter rules to reduce methane emissions from oil and gas installations.

I would like to start my comments by strongly supporting the recommended rules you have developed. It is long overdue to put in place effective rules that will require the oil and gas companies to effectively monitor and control methane emissions at the over one million oil and gas well locations across the United States.

The most recent report from the International Energy Agency (IEA) revealed that global methane emissions from energy sectors like oil and gas wells are about 70% higher than the country governments have officially reported. This disturbing news gives us a good understanding of how lax and ineffective oil and gas companies are in capturing methane from its source, the oil and gas well locations.

It also brings to light another harsh reality, and that is how big of a problem methane emissions are. Ten to fifteen years ago, we were told that methane emissions represented only about 10% of greenhouse gas emissions. Today we are told that it represents 29% of greenhouse gas emissions. Now we are looking at projections that methane emissions will continue to increase 25% more by the year 2050.

The good news is we have the strategy, process, rules, and advanced technology available thanks to the EPA. All we need now is to effectively implement, and we can make significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

We must also do whatever we can to encourage our senior leaders (President Biden, Special Ambassador John Kerry) to work closely with their counterparts in the 100 countries who have taken the “methane reduction pledge” to take similar actions in their countries.

On behalf of current and future generations, it is time to put in place the most effective rules to monitor and reduce methane emissions as quickly and effectively as possible in the United States. Thank you.