WESTERN LEADERS NETWORK OPPOSES EPA ROLLBACK OF METHANE REDUCTION STANDARDS

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“EPA’s proposed elimination of standards to reduce oil and gas methane pollution contradicts the mounting scientific evidence that underscores the critical need for such standards. The proposed rollback also comes as more and more oil and gas companies are stepping up and acknowledging the necessity of regulations to reduce methane pollution. Instead of protecting our public health, our environment and taxpayer resources, the Trump administration is choosing to allow more pollution in our airshed and more wasted revenue -- at the expense of our communities. Thankfully, states such as Colorado and New Mexico are stepping up to cut methane waste and pollution.”

– Gwen Lachelt, Executive Director, Western Leaders Network

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Background
Today, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler proposed to eliminate direct regulation of methane from the EPA’s New Source Performance Standards. This action will remove federal oversight of pollution from the nation’s more than 850,000 existing source oil and gas wells.