TRUMP EPA 2.0 & METHANE REGULATIONS

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EPA Actions on Methane

MAR 2025	OOOO b/c reconsideration announced
APR 4, 2026	Technical revisions finalized for two aspects of 2024 standards
APR 17, 2026	Proposed revisions to oil and gas air toxics standards
MAY 1, 2026	Guidance clarifies limited temporary associated-gas flaring

- **Temporary Flaring Permitted**: Operators may flare associated gas for up to 30 days per incident when downstream pipeline or gathering-system interruptions beyond their control prevent gas transportation.
- **Qualifying Circumstances**: EPA identifies pipeline capacity constraints, gathering-system pressure limitations, planned or unplanned midstream maintenance, unexpected production surges, and insufficient takeaway capacity as circumstances that may justify temporary flaring.
- **No Technical Infeasibility Demonstration Required**: Operators invoking the temporary flaring provision under 40 CFR § 60.5377b(d) are not required to demonstrate that alternative gas-handling methods are technically infeasible.
- **Compliance Requirements Remain:** Operators must document the reason, timing, and duration of each flaring incident, demonstrate compliance with applicable control-device requirements, and include the required information in annual compliance reports.

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Methane & Deregulatory Agenda

EPA Launches Biggest Deregulatory Action in U.S. History

Administrator Zeldin Announces 31 Historic Actions to Power the Great American Comeback

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• Clean Power Plan 2.0 • Reconsideration of regulations throttling the oil and gas industry (OOOO b/c) • Reconsideration of Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) • Reconsideration of mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program that imposed significant costs on the American energy supply (GHG Reporting Program) • Reconsideration of ELG and Steam Electric ELG • Reconsideration of wastewater regulations for oil and gas development to help unleash American energy (Oil and Gas ELG) • Risk Management Program Rule	• Reconsideration of light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty vehicle regulations (Car GHG Rules) • Reconsideration of the 2009 Endangerment Finding and regulations and actions that rely on that Finding (Endangerment Finding) • Reconsideration of technology transition rule • Reconsideration of Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards that shut down opportunities for American manufacturing and small businesses (PM 2.5 NAAQS) • Reconsideration of multiple National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for American energy and manufacturing sectors (NESHAPs) • Regional Haze Program • Social Cost of Carbon • Redirecting enforcement resources • Environmental Justice and DEI	• "Good Neighbor Plan" • Backlog with State Implementation Plans and Tribal Implementation Plans that the Biden-Harris Administration refused to resolve (SIPs/TIPs) • Reconsideration of exceptional events rulemaking • Science Advisory Board and Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (SAB/CASAC) • Prioritizing coal ash program to expedite state permit reviews and update coal ash regulations (CCR Rule) • Utilizing enforcement discretion to further North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Helene

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Sneak Peak: Methane Reconsideration



- **Certain Well Sites**: EPA will propose to change the approach to marginal wells by co-proposing two options that would create separate categories of well sites, each with its own standards that make sense for the circumstances of the particular type of well.
- **Super Emitter Program**: After hearing about serious legal concerns with the program, EPA will propose to rescind it. The agency does not think it is necessary to meet Clean Air Act requirements and is not effective.
- **Covers and Closed Vent Systems**: EPA will propose to split this standard into two parts, design requirements and operational requirements.
- **Associated Gas**: To make compliance possible all over the country and ensure a reasonable approach, EPA will propose to revisit the overall approach to regulating associated gas from oil wells.
- **Control Devices**: EPA will propose technical changes to give flexibility for flame monitoring data deviations, control device alerts, and visible emissions test conditions where appropriate.

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Elections & Regulatory Implications

The Trump regulatory agenda continues BUT SLOWS slows

- Oversight pressure
- Regulatory reshuffle
- Key staff departures

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