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I support Wyoming DEQ's efforts to develop new rules under Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations in order to reduce harmful methane emissions from oil and gas operations.

Most importantly, methane contributes a quarter of the warming of our climate. A molecule of methane lasts 2 to 3 times as long as a molecule of carbon dioxide and it traps heat more efficiently.

We cannot afford to let so much energy escape into our atmosphere without capturing it and putting it to good use. Studies have shown that 45% of the wasted methane can be captured at no net cost.

We need to protect our clean air at all cost. Along with methane, volatile organic compounds (VOC) are released into our air, which cause respiratory damage and poor air quality.

I thank you, Wyoming Air Quality Division, for considering my comments.

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