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As a Wyoming citizen 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.

Not only is methane a potent greenhouse gas contributing to climate change, it has known negative health impacts. Often climate change mitigation strategies are rebuffed due to up front expense, however methane waste already deprives the state of revenue. Not investing in reducing methane waste not only reduces today's income but it adds expense in the future from disasters related to the impacts of climate change.

Wyoming citizens expect their government to protect the state's clean air and water. The effects of methane emissions are not isolated, they impact the entire state and beyond. By adopting new Wyoming Air Quality standards you will help fulfill this important obligation to current and future Wyoming tax paying citizens.

Thank you for considering my comments.