

Bill Burleigh

I am writing to express my strong support for the Wyoming DEQ's efforts to develop new rules under Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations to reduce harmful methane emissions from oil and gas operations.

Methane emissions are a significant contributor to climate change, responsible for at least 25% of the warming our planet is experiencing. By reducing these emissions, we can benefit taxpayers and protect our climate, while also building on the state's progress in reducing harmful pollutants.

These new regulations will promote cost-effective technologies to prevent waste, making natural gas more economically competitive as consumers demand cleaner energy sources. Recent data from the International Energy Agency suggest that up to 45% of wasted methane emissions can be prevented at no net cost.

The new rules will also help reduce other harmful pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which cause respiratory damage and contribute to poor air quality.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your continued efforts to protect our environment.

Sincerely,

Bill Burleigh