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I Spent 20 years working in Wyoming's oil field and I support Wyoming DEQ's efforts to develop new rules under Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations in order to reduce methane emissions from oil and gas operations.

Methane emissions are a large contributor to climate change and are responsible for much of the warming the earth is experiencing. Reducing methane emissions protect our climate and benefit the public, while

also building on the state's progress toward 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.

Processes for capturing methane are very cost effective. Recent data from the International Energy Agency suggest that up to 45% of wasted methane emissions can be prevented at no net cost.

The processes resulting from these new rules will help reduce other harmful pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that cause respiratory damage and contribute to poor air quality.

Close by thanking Wyoming DEQ's Air Quality Division for considering your comments.