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### **NGSA Statement on EPA Methane Regulations**

#### *Unnecessary Rule Could Prove Counterproductive to Industry Progress on Methane Emission Reductions*

(Washington, D.C.) -The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) today released the following statement in reaction to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final rule on methane emissions for new sources.

While we believe that EPA is taking a misguided approach to reducing methane emissions from natural gas systems, our companies take all compliance obligations seriously.

Our industry is wholeheartedly committed to continued reductions of methane emissions, as our record has demonstrated continuously for the past 25 years. According to the government's own statistics, the natural gas industry has successfully reduced methane emissions by 15 percent since 1990, even as production has gone up by more than 35 percent. Natural gas companies accomplished these methane reductions through market-driven improvements in equipment, technology, infrastructure and best practices. Unfortunately, these improvements and innovations could be stifled by regulations that force a cookie-cutter, inefficient and costly approach.

EPA's rule risks undercutting natural gas, the most cost-effective source of carbon reductions, when voluntary methane emission reduction programs have proven effective.

NGSA [filed comments on EPA's proposed methane rule](#) in December 2015.

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The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents major integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages the use of natural gas within a balanced national energy policy, and promotes the benefits of competitive markets, thus encouraging increased supply and the reliable and efficient delivery of natural gas to U.S. customers. For more information, please visit [www.ngsa.org](http://www.ngsa.org) and [www.naturalgas.org](http://www.naturalgas.org).

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