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NGSA Cautions EPA to Consider Consequences of Unnecessary Methane Regulation

Industry Already Incentivized to Continue Significant Methane Emission Reductions

(Washington, D.C.) – In comments filed today, the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) urged the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to weigh the important contributions of natural gas toward reducing all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions before imposing unnecessary regulations on methane emissions.

NGSA said, “The unique challenges of climate objectives do not justify regulatory action that risks undercutting natural gas, the most cost-effective source of carbon reductions, when voluntary methane emission reduction programs have proven effective.”

NGSA said EPA Methane Regulations could unnecessarily limit cost-effective natural gas production that is essential to economic growth and carbon reduction and pointed out that industry has voluntarily reduced methane emissions significantly, even though production and consumption have grown. The industry is wholeheartedly committed to responsible production, said NGSA, pointing out that since 2005, producers have successfully reduced methane emissions by 38 percent even as production has gone up by more than 30 percent, according to the government’s own statistics. The natural gas industry accomplished these reductions through market-driven improvements in equipment, technology, infrastructure and best practices.

NGSA’s comments are available at [this link on NGSA.org](#).

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The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents 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 and www.naturalgas.org.

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