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New Methane Regulations Unnecessary; Natural Gas Industry Already Incentivized to Continue to Significantly Reduce Methane Emissions, Says NGSA

(Washington, D.C.) -- Dena E. Wiggins, president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association, made the following statement about the Administration's expected announcement that it will release new regulations on methane emissions this summer:

“New regulations on methane emissions are unnecessary, potentially counterproductive and fail to recognize the existing strong economic incentive to capture and utilize methane. Our industry has demonstrated its dedication to reducing methane emissions by cutting emissions from production by 25 percent during the same period that natural gas production increased by 35 percent. We did that through voluntary standards and best practices and we know we can make further reductions without additional regulations.

“The natural gas industry is committed to responsible production and that commitment is reinforced through market mechanisms that encourage methane to be captured and used. In fact, increased use of natural gas in recent years helped reduce U.S. carbon dioxide emissions to their lowest levels in decades. Well-functioning natural gas markets can help continue that trend going forward. We look forward to reviewing the details of the Administration's proposal to ensure that natural gas continues to contribute to environmental goals and policies.”

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