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## **ENERGY ALLIANCE SUPPORTS EPA EMISSIONS REGULATION MODIFICATION**

The Domestic Energy Producers Alliance (DEPA) supports the Environmental Protection Agency's action to modify air emissions regulations affecting oil and natural gas production operations. These changes retain the framework of air emissions regulations of oil and natural gas production, but they modify flawed provisions, in the 2016 New Source Performance Standards fugitive emissions program that was driven by political pressures to rush those regulations to completion.

The Obama Administration had promulgated regulation of methane from the transmission and storage segment of the oil and gas sector without taking the appropriate steps to justify those actions. EPA is issuing policy amendments in response to President Trump's Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth. The order directs agencies to review existing regulations that potentially "burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources," including oil and natural gas, and to rescind or suspend regulatory requirements if appropriate.

The Trump Administration's amendments not only follow the text of the Clean Air Act, but also reduce regulatory burden to the industry and streamline other requirements. Protection of human health and the environment will continue through controls for smog-forming volatile organic compounds for the production and processing segments of the industry, reducing methane at the same time.

DEPA believes abundant, reliable, affordable, domestic energy is key to revitalizing the US economy and reshoring US businesses after the Covid crises. Regulatory relief like this will ensure that US independent producers are able to meet those energy requirements.

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