

## Energy Companies Support Federal Methane Regulations

Many oil and gas companies publicly support direct federal regulation of methane because methane pollution hurts public health, the planet, and the industry itself. These companies also support restoring the common-sense requirements to control methane pollution that were eliminated and undermined at the end of 2020.

Methane regulations work to reduce methane emissions and waste from oil and gas operations. To meet the requirements, companies use cost-effective tools and off-the-shelf technologies to find and plug methane leaks and reduce venting and flaring. But the previous administration revoked all federal air pollution limits for oil and gas transmission and storage facilities and created legal confusion that undermines further progress in cutting methane pollution. Here's what industry is saying about closing these loopholes and directly regulating methane:

- ❖ **BP America:** *“Direct federal regulation of methane is key to preventing leaks throughout industry and protecting the environment – and gets us closer to #netzero. That’s why we support the Congressional Review Act methane resolution.”* [[@bp America 4/13/2021](#)]
- ❖ **Shell US:** *“Sound policy surrounding natural gas is critical to its role in the energy transition. We need to restore the direct federal regulation of #methane emissions—and we urge Congress to approve the methane resolution under the Congressional Review Act.”* [[@Shell US 4/7/2021](#)]
- ❖ **Equinor North America:** *“Ensuring that natural gas continues to provide climate benefits means reducing emissions from its production. We support the methane resolution under the Congressional Review Act. Direct federal methane regulation is an important step on the pathway to net zero.”* [[@Equinor NA 4/9/2021](#)]
- ❖ **Total USA:** *“Curbing methane emissions with bold policies is imperative to get to #NetZero2050. We welcome direct federal regulation of #methane emissions and support resolution via the Congressional Review Act #cutmethane.”* [[@TOTALUSA 4/14/2021](#)]
- ❖ **ExxonMobil:** *“Last year we [ExxonMobil] announced our support for the direct regulation of methane emissions for new and existing oil and gas facilities. That hasn’t changed.”* [[Energy Factor, 8/30/19](#)]
- ❖ **Jonah Energy:** *“Jonah Energy believes in common sense federal regulation of methane emissions to reduce impacts and achieve climate goals. We support Congressional Review Act measure S.J. Res. 14 (<https://lnkd.in/ebHbACW>) that will reverse prior rulemaking and allow reasonable federal oversight of methane. In fact, we opposed the rollback by the last administration. Achieving climate goals is important in our backyard, and across the nation. Reasonable federal regulations of methane emissions provide consistency and certainty covering all sectors of natural gas development and promote public confidence our national energy sources. [[Jonah LinkedIn](#)]*
- ❖ **Pioneer Natural Resources:** *Pioneer has long supported federal regulation of methane if those regulations encourage innovation and operational flexibility. Clear rules would provide certainty for operators and strong environmental benefits. We support use of the CRA to reinstate regulation of methane”* [[@PXDTweets 4/21/21](#)]
- ❖ **EQT Corporation:** *EQT Corporation supports congressional resolutions that would reinstate a rule imposing a federal standard on methane. Company believes the “responsible development of natural gas will help meet future global energy demand as we address climate change together”* [Bloomberg News and [EQT Corporation website](#) 4/15/2021]

- ❖ **Interstate Natural Gas Association of America:-** *“We support federal methane standards...our members have a long history of minimizing methane emissions from their operation. A stable regulatory framework will allow the industry to invest in the critical infrastructure necessary to reduce emissions and meet increasing demand for cleaner and more affordable energy.”* [[www.ingaa.org](http://www.ingaa.org)]
- ❖ **Cheniere:** *To maximize the climate benefits of natural gas, we recognize the imperative to minimize [#methane](#) emissions across the natural gas value chain. We support effective policies and regulations that reduce methane emissions, including the current Congressional Review Act effort to restore federal regulation of methane emissions. Cheniere will continue to collaborate with industry, academia and the scientific community to deliver cost-effective solutions that reduce methane emissions from the natural gas sector. We also will continue to push for increased transparency regarding methane emissions reporting and data, as well as efforts that create a level playing field with all operators domestically and internationally. [#LNG #WeAreUSLNG](#) [\[Cheniere LinkedIn\]](#)*
- ❖ **DTE Energy:** *Strong, sensible methane regulations at the federal and state level give our industry the foundation on which to go even further through these voluntary initiatives. Providing a proper regulatory framework ensures industry’s ability to continue to make important progress reducing methane emissions.* [Public Comment 11/25/2019]
- ❖ **Equitrans Midstream Corporation:** *“We must continue to push our industry forward in a meaningful way in order to effectuate real mitigation of climate change impacts, and we support approval of the methane resolution under the Congressional Review Act,” said Diana Charletta, president and chief operating officer of Equitrans Midstream.* [[Equitrans Midstream website](#), 4/16/2021]
- ❖ **Occidental Petroleum:** *“We support the direct regulation of methane...because it is very potent and we need to have regulations in place to ensure that we have adequate controls throughout the industry.”* [[testimony of President and CEO Vicki Hollub to Senate ENR committee](#), 4/27/2021]
- ❖ **Devon Energy:** *We believe a meaningful reduction in methane emissions is essential to managing the risks of climate change. While the Congressional Review Act is an extraordinary legislative tool that should be used judiciously and with caution, we support the ongoing effort in Congress to chart a path toward a durable framework for regulating methane at the federal level that encourages innovation and operational flexibility.* [[@DevonEnergy 4/27/2021](#)]
- ❖ **Edison Electric Institute:** *EI supports Congress using the Congressional Review Act to enable EPA to develop strong and cost-effective federal regulations on methane emissions throughout the natural gas supply chain for new and existing sources.* [[@Edison Electric 4/26/2021](#)]
- ❖ **Center for Liquefied Natural Gas:** *The Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG) and its members support the proposed resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) and the reinstatement of regulations of methane emissions from the natural gas sector.* [[CLNG letter to Congress](#) 4/26/2021]
- ❖ **Austin Energy, Calpine Corporation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Tenaska Inc, and Others (Joint Comments):** *“EPA should continue to directly regulate methane from new sources in the oil and natural gas source category...the importance of controlling these emissions is clear when considering that the oil and natural gas source category is the largest source of anthropogenic methane emissions in the US, contributing 31 percent of US methane emissions in 2017, according to EPA’s Inventory of US Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2017 (published in 2019).”* [[Joint Comments EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0757](#)]