

A rule on Routine Venting and Flaring of Methane may not sound exciting on paper, but we believe it presents a unique and rare opportunity to bring together a diverse set of interests.

First off, it's good for the economy. Working to prevent waste from venting and flaring methane creates high paying jobs that aren't going away anytime soon - it's a growing sector! And those will be local, Louisiana jobs.

It also prevents stranding a valuable asset. As it is now, there's millions of dollars in methane that go to waste when it's released or combusted during routine venting and flaring. We want to hold onto those dollars. That's good for business and good for local communities.

Finally, it's good for public health and it's good for the environment. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, and emissions that accompany methane when it is released from oil and gas wellsites can be harmful for the people who live around these facilities.

In other words, this is not your average issue. All too often we see issues like this become polarized. You're either on the side of the community and the environment or you're on the side of big business. With this Rule on Routine Venting and Flaring, we have an opportunity to benefit both. Let's not waste it.

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