

VENTING AND FLARING RULE

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Waste Production, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation rule - colloquially known as the Venting and Flaring rule or the BLM Methane Rule - represents one of the Obama administration's most egregious abuses of executive power designed to destroy responsible energy production on federal lands. Methane emissions from oil and natural gas have significantly declined in recent decades without duplicative federal regulations and at a time when oil and gas production in the U.S. has surged. The rule yields very little environmental benefit and the American people would be better off if we worked to address BLM's permitting delays.

WHAT IS THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT?

The Congressional Review Act is a powerful Congressional resolution of disapproval to overturn last minute regulations from the previous Administration under an expedited legislative process. Passage of the CRA ensures that no substantially similar rule can be issued in the future.

RESTORES RULE OF LAW

BLM exceeds their statutory authority by attempting to regulate air quality - authority that is vested solely with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in partnership with states under the Clean Air Act

INCENTIVIZES REAL SOLUTIONS

Lack of energy infrastructure remains the chief contributing factor to methane flaring - if we are serious about reducing methane emissions, we need to address BLM's bureaucratic delays for pipeline rights-of-way permitting

REDUCES REGULATORY BURENS

Both the BLM and EPA have issued finalized rules to regulate methane emissions in the last year and thus the CRA will reduce duplicative and burdensome regulations of the past administration that come on top of existing, successful state regulations

ENCOURAGES INNOVATION

The CRA demonstrates that the BLM's rule completely dismissed the strides industry has taken to reduce emissions as oil and gas production has dramatically increased over the last decade while methane emissions have steadily decreased

SPURS METHANE CAPTURE

With a commonsense regulatory environment, taxpayers reap of the benefits from the healthy stream of royalties to states and the Department of the Treasury because there's an economic incentive to capture what's lost to venting and flaring and bring it to market for a profit