



CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Justice for God's planet and God's people.

Washington, DC, (September 11, 2018) - Today, Creation Justice Ministries releases the following statement in response to Acting Administrator Wheeler and the EPA's decision to weaken common-sense health and climate protections, known as the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), which limit methane and other toxic pollutants from being released into the air.

The New Source standards currently require oil and gas companies to use proven technologies to detect and plug leaks in all new, modified, and reconstructed operations. It also required cessation of the practice of venting and flaring excess methane into the air.

The EPA's proposal is reckless and wasteful. The proposed weakened oil and gas industry methane emission limits will increase pollution and endanger all of God's creation. The EPA's own documents reveal decision-makers are aware of, but have not quantified, this proposed rollback's adverse public health effects.

Shantha Ready Alonso, Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries said of the decision, "Faith communities have long been active in protecting God's gift of clean air, a safe climate, and community health -- including and especially the most vulnerable. President Trump and Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler have a responsibility to protect all of God's creation from the clear and present threats from methane pollution to our health and climate. By weakening these common-sense health protections, the Trump administration is continuing to break faith with the faith community."

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