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New Mexicans Testify for Stronger [EPA Oil and Gas Methane Pollution Safeguards](#)

Washington, DC -- Starting yesterday, the Environmental Protection Agency is hosting three public hearings on new rules to tackle methane and associated pollution from new and existing oil and gas operations.

Under the Trump administration, EPA rolled back Obama-era limits on methane pollution from the oil and gas industry. This summer President Biden signed legislation to reinstate those 2016 safeguards. The EPA is now acting to strengthen these rules.

The proposed EPA safeguards add to the Obama rules by covering not just new and existing rules but also existing sources and would achieve critical emissions reductions. However, a cross section of New Mexicans joined and are joining the hearings to call for key improvements to the rules. These would include increased leak detection and repair for small wells with high potential to pollute; banning of routine venting and flaring, covering orphaned and abandoned wells, and providing for community monitoring.

To view testimony:

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TUESDAY - 11/30 - https://youtu.be/j3YURQwMvTE			
First Name	Last Name	Organization	Time Spoken (ET)
Joan	Brown	New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light	12:27 PM
Camilla	Feibelman	Sierra Club - Rio Grande Chapter	12:35 PM
Ronald	Parry	Rice University	12:46 PM

Senator Carrie	Hamblen	New Mexico Legislature; Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce	1:19 PM
Paige	Grant	Volunteer	1:31 PM
John	Andrews	Volunteer	2:39 PM
Celerah	Hewes	Moms Clean Air Force	3:12 PM
Nick	King	Carlsbad Mennonite Church	3:48 PM
Kayley	Shoup	Citizens Caring for the Future	4:28 PM
Sonia	Soto	Citizens Caring for the Future	4:40 PM
Rose Marie	Cecchini	Office of Peace, Justice & Creation, Catholic Charities of Gallup Diocese, NM	6:09 PM
Cynthia	Mitchell	Retired Energy Economist	6:20 PM
Donna	Detweiler	Cactus garden apt landlord	6:39 PM
Catherine	Zuklic	Self-Employed/Contract Basis; SC volunteer; family in oilfield	7:21 PM
Linda	Burchfiel	Volunteer	7:26 PM
Chili	Yazzie	Shiprock Traditional Farmers Cooperative	8:03 PM
Marlene	Perrotte	Interfaith Power and Light NM-EI Paso Region	8:21 PM
June	Parsons	Volunteer	8:45 PM
Anita	Amstutz	Wisdom Ways of Being	9:18 PM
Stan	Renfro	Bureau of Indian Affairs; poet	9:23 PM
WEDNESDAY - 12/1 - https://youtu.be/Hcmwuj8jsaQ			
First Name	Last Name	Organization	Time Spoken (ET)
David	Baake	Natural Resources Defense Council	1:29 PM
Susan	Homer	Volunteer	1:49 PM
Brenda	McKenna	NM Senate	2:25 PM
Ann	McCartney	Volunteer	

Margaret	Bell	Volunteer	
Tannis	Fox	Western Environmental Law Center	
Gwen	Lachelt	Western Leaders Network	
Oscar	Simpson	Rio Grande Indivisible & New Mexico Sportsmen	
Daryl	Junes-Joe	Concerned Community Member	
THURSDAY - 12/3 -			
https://youtu.be/QULhkeAOqwx			
			Time Spoken (ET)
First Name	Last Name	Organization	
Athena	Christodoulou	CSolPower LLC	
Emily	Wolf	National Parks Conservation Association	
Karen	Bonime	Volunteer	
Carolyn	Simmons	Alliance Française d'Albuquerque	
Steven	Rudnick	University of Massachusetts Boston	
Christy	Shoup	Constructors Inc.	
Rev.	Talitha	Arnold United Church of Santa Fe	
Roddy	Hughes	Sierra Club	
David	Weymouth	Volunteer	
David	Coss	Volunteer	
Joseph	Hernandez	NAVA Education Project	
Senator Harold	Pope Jr.	NM State Legislature	
Rep. Debbie	Sarinana	NM State Legislature	
Rep. Joanne	Ferrary	NM State Legislature	
Sen. Antoinette	Sedillo Lopez	NM State Legislature	
Kendra	Pinto	Earthworks	
Donna	Thiersch	Independent	

Jessie	Emerson	Volunteer	
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For more details about the rules and the hearings -

<https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/public-hearing-epas-proposal-reduce-methane>

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