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**Press and Public Briefing:** The Methane Hotspot and Oil and Gas Pollution Rules - State and Federal

When: Friday, December 11th, 12pm RSVP at this <u>link</u> What: New Mexico made news in 2014 when satellite images showed the Four Corners area with a methane cloud hovering above. As part of our Paris climate commitments, the Obama Administration crafted rules to stop oil and gas waste and pollution, but those safeguards have been gutted by the Trump Administration.

In the meantime, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has committed to nation leading rules on methane and ozone. Strong rules have emerged from Energy Minerals and Natural Resources, but the Environment Department rule contains serious loopholes. Learn more about these issues and where we stand for a New Mexico persepctive.

**Who**: Nathalie Eddy, EarthWorks - Seeing the invisible with Infrared Cameras Camilla Feibelman, Sierra Club - Trump gutting federal methane rules Jon Goldstein, EDF - Closing NMED ozone rule loopholes Tannis Fox, WELC - Oil Conservation Division Methane Rule - How you can help in the upcoming public hearing Barbara Webber, Health Action New Mexico - How rules help our health Derrick Toledo, Western Leaders Network - Methane rules and tribal communities Rev. Dave Rogers, Citizens Caring for the Future, Carlsbad resident

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