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DENVER - [Western Energy Alliance](#) ^[2] released the following statement on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) release of proposed rule to limit methane emissions from oil and natural gas operations:

"Methane emissions have fallen 38 percent since 2005 even as natural gas production soared by 26 percent," said Kathleen Sgamma, vice president of government and public affairs. "Those reductions were the result of industry innovation and voluntary measures. Now EPA wants to glom onto that success by adding costly red tape. The problem with EPA making mandatory what industry is already doing is that it simply adds bureaucratic layers that remove flexibility and innovation while discouraging the development of the single most significant source of U.S. greenhouse gas reductions. Rather than chasing a small amount of emissions at production sites, EPA's time is better spent on issues that will deliver real environmental benefit."

Additional background information about reduction in methane emissions from industry innovations is available [online](#) ^[3].

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