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OHCEF Statement on U.S. EPA Methane Draft Rules Supplemental rule could increase methane mitigation economy in Ohio

11/14/22 - Columbus, Ohio - Executive Director Sarah Spence of the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum (OHCEF) today issued the following statement on the release of a draft supplemental [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) rule to curb methane emissions at oil and gas facilities.

“The methane mitigation sector is a jobs engine for Ohio with roughly a dozen companies – including seven company headquarters – doing business in the state from Cleveland to Cincinnati. By cutting methane emissions, oil and gas companies can bring more valuable product to market since natural gas is largely methane. This will also expand homegrown jobs in the methane mitigation sector, ensure a fair return of tax and royalty revenue, and work toward cleaner air for all Ohioans,” Spence said.

“We are optimistic that EPA can build on its proposed framework and strengthen provisions to eliminate pollution from routine flaring. While the Agency is headed in the right direction on regular inspections of small wells with leak-prone equipment, we will continue to work toward strengthening the rules in 2023 so that we can truly harness this important energy resource.”

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