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Hi Sarah,

New Mexico's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources and the Environment departments have received so much feedback already on draft rules to cut methane and other air pollution that they are extending the public comment period to Sept. 16. We're glad to see the agencies continue to prioritize stakeholder engagement so that the methane rules are "enduring and enforceable, and result in meaningful reductions in pollution" - their own words!

Since the draft rules have been released, **analysis by our partners has discovered significant exemptions that reduce the rules' effectiveness to protect public health and our climate.** In some cases, waste of methane gas wouldn't be halted under the draft rules. **These issues must be addressed. Reducing methane waste and pollution is critical for New Mexico right now as we're facing a confluence of crises in our economy, public health, and climate.** New Mexicans lose more than $40 million each year in royalties that oil and gas operators are not required to pay for oil or gas produced on federal or state lands when they vent, flare, or leak methane rather than sell it. These are royalties that our schools and critical services like hospitals are in need of, especially now.

The draft methane rules are a good first step – and it's up to us to make them the best rules they can be. _____

_____ is up to date with all the information you need to know about the issue of methane in New Mexico. On the "_____" page, you'll find links to the draft rules, as well as a sample public comment with

suggestions on specific solutions to offer in your public comment. _____

Thank you!

Liliana

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