

Economic Perspectives on Methane Emissions

Quotes from 9/29 event on methane policy hosted by The Hill

Is the 40-45% methane reduction goal achievable? “Yes I think it is.... studies identify that yes in fact there are cost effective technologies that will allow us to reduce methane emissions right now...”

-Mark Boling, *President, V+ Development Solutions, Southwestern Energy*

“Frankly, natural gas is a commodity. It plays an important role in energy. It plays an important role in the economy. If you can keep it in the system and you can sell it, as opposed to having it escape into the atmosphere, that would be a good thing.”

-Martha Rudolph, *Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment*

“Rather than allowing this gas to escape into the atmosphere, maybe there’s a business case for selling it and raising revenues... [There’s the] environmental risk, reputational aspect and I think there’s also an economic argument.”

- Brian Rice, *Portfolio Manager, Corporate Governance, California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)*

Wyoming based Jonah Energy’s Leak Detection and Repair “program has been profitable; the amount of product that they’ve saved from leaking has exceeded \$5 million. That’s not only covered their oil and gas imaging equipment and the operators for that, but all of their repairs and maintenance, labor and parts.”

-Brent Lammert, *Vice President of Sales, US Thermography, FLIR*

“We haven't heard complaints about how difficult it is to comply with, how costly it is to comply with [Colorado’s 2014 methane rule].”

-Martha Rudolph, *Director of Environmental Programs, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment*

“[Oil and natural gas] is an extremely important sector to our economy... it’s ultimately important for the industry to continue to operate and continue to live well with its neighbors.”

-Joe Goffman, *Associate Assistant Administrator & Senior Counsel, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency*

“Almost all of us use natural gas one way or another... natural is a big part of our energy mix.... natural gas plays a role in our lives... [it’s] important we look at the effects of it in the atmosphere...”

-Bob Perciasepe, *President, Center for Climate Change and Energy Solutions*