

# CH4 CONNECTIONS 2021 –

## EPA METHANE STANDARDS, REPORTING RULES & VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE STANDARDS

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## **PICTURE THE POTENTIAL**

To reimagine our industry for the future, we will win tomorrow by innovating today, cultivating our workforce and exceeding customer expectations.



Our industry delivers America's abundant and affordable natural gas every day to help meet the nation's energy needs and environmental goals. The American Gas Association and the companies we represent are committed to enhancing safety, ensuring reliability and reducing emissions to improve the quality of life of our communities and our customers.

## **PRESERVE THE PLANET**

**Every day we will reduce emissions, find new efficiencies and further secure our rightful place as part of the clean energy future.**

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*As little as 0.1% of the natural gas delivered nationwide is emitted from local distribution systems.*

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**69%**

**EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

*Emissions from the natural gas distribution system have declined 69% since 1990.*

# **EPA METHANE STANDARDS**

- 1. Congressional Review Act Resolution – Reinstated 2016 EPA Methane New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) – Upstream of Utilities – Clean Air Act § 111(b)**
  - 2. EPA Proposed Rule to Expand NSPS – this Fall**
  - 3. Existing Upstream Sources – Guidelines for State Plan Requirements - CAA § 111(d)**
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# PROPOSED EPA METHANE FEE (TAX)


1. **Build Back Better Bill – Proposes EPA Methane Fee (Tax) on Emissions Reported to EPA under Subpart W – that exceed Methane Intensity Thresholds**
2. **Excludes Gas Distribution – But Upstream Fees Would Accumulate in Commodity Charge – Increasing Energy Costs to Customers**
3. **Would Require Expanding Subpart W Reporting**
4. **Methane Intensity Thresholds – Lower than ONE Future Goal Levels**
5. **Layered on Top of Methane Standards**


# VOLUNTARY METHANE STANDARDS & CERTIFIED LOWER METHANE GAS

1. **AGA-EEI Natural Gas Sustainability Initiative (NGSI)  
– Protocol for Reporting Methane Intensity**
  2. **New Initiatives for Auditing and Certifying Lower Methane Intensity Gas - Examples**
    - **MiQ – RMI/Systemic – Uses NGSI Protocol**
    - **Canary Project-IES-Trustwell®**
- **Create Incentives for and Reward Better Performance**



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The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States. There are more than 76 million residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the U.S., of which 95 percent — more than 72 million customers — receive their gas from AGA members. Today, natural gas meets more than 30 percent of the United States' energy needs.

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