

INCREASED OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, METHANE EMISSIONS, AND CLIMATE

Hydrocarbon products have greatly expanded oil and natural gas production, making the U.S. the world's largest natural gas and petroleum producer. However, the environmental impacts associated with "fracking" have made the process controversial. This presentation will focus on the environmental issues associated with methane emissions. The potential role of continuous emission measurements in identifying super-emitting sources will be described, as well as the design and deployment of a first-of-its-kind methane sensor network.

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