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The methane regulatory system should include:
1. New Mexico should embrace Zero Tolerance for methane waste and pollution, except in very narrow instances where venting or flaring may be necessary for safety. The polluting industry should pay for all monitoring technology at each location. The agency should validate the monitoring equipment and monitor all carbon and other emissions.
2. New Mexico should develop and finalize national-leading methane regulations in 2020. By 2021 all regulations should be implemented. The industry should be fined for any 6 month period that does not show a 10% decrease in methane emissions
3. New Mexico should take a comprehensive approach that addresses methane waste and pollution throughout the oil and gas supply chain and at key agency decision-making steps.
4. New Mexico should establish straightforward, data-based decision tools to facilitate compliance and enforcement.
5. New Mexico should establish requirements for public transparency and accountability.
6. New Mexico should also take steps now under existing authorities to minimize methane waste and pollution while rules are being developed.

It is relatively absurd that the 4 corners methane cloud has not decreased over several years:

> *While Colorado has some of the most lauded oil and gas regulations for reducing methane emissions in the country, that doesn't do much good for residents near the "Four Corners Methane Hot Spot" that crosses into New Mexico, where regulations have been all but nonexistent, officials say.* *Clearing the Four Corners methane cloud*

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Clearing the Four Corners methane cloud

Over the decades, the oil and gas industry has become close neighbors with residents of Southwest Colorado and n...

It is relatively absurd that methane leaks were identified and not taken care of. It is relatively absurd for the industry to blame natural leaks when technology has pointed to industry infrastructure

In 2016 NASA researchers concluded that many of the region's highest-emitting sources were associated with the region's oil and gas production and distribution infrastructure. Now yet another study confirms this tie and should put the hot spot debate to rest. New study confirms (again): New Mexico's methane hot spot largely tied to oil and gas pollution

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In 2014, NASA scientists published their discovery of a methane "hot spot" hovering over New Mexico's San Juan B...

The study finds that just 10 percent of the individual methane sources are contributing half of the emissions. NASA Study Analyzes Four Corners Methane Sources

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Thanks for the consideration that will only be given again to oil and gas while ignoring NM citizens and while humanity begins to suffer from climate change

Sincerely,
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