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Air Quality Bureau of NM Environment Department:

As a medical physician here in New Mexico in primary care, I am most concerned about our ever increasing threat to air quality, especially as it affects those with asthma and other respiratory conditions.

Methane is a potent greenhouse gas with intense contribution to climate change. It is essential that the loopholes that exempt the vast majority of wells from leak detection and repairs be closed/stopped NOW.

Likewise, it is critical that you remove exemptions for stripper wells. Fifteen tons per year threshold for volatile organic compounds is now legal.

How can this be! Do what is needed now to improve our air quality especially now in these areas in the San Juan and Permian Basins.

My ethical grounding comes also from a faith tradition that has at its core the concept of integral ecology and care of creation, with emphasis on clean air and water, and protection of the most vulnerable.

Sincerely,
Ellen Raimer, MD