

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Re: Sign-on Letter: Urgent Need for Robust Methane Regulation in the UK Energy Sector

October 3, 2025

Dear Secretary of State,

We, the undersigned organisations and individuals, are writing to urge you to commit to develop a strong, enforceable regulation of methane emissions from the fossil fuel sector in the UK's forthcoming **National Methane Action Plan**.

Despite methane's role as a climate super-pollutant, more than 80 times more powerful than CO₂ over a 20-year period, it remains dangerously underregulated in UK fossil fuel operations. Tackling methane is one of the cheapest and most effective strategies to slow global warming.

If the UK intends to spotlight its Methane Action Plan at COP30, it must reflect genuine leadership that matches the ambition of other international partners. As scrutiny grows on the true value of such climate pledges, an announcement of robust methane regulations would show that the UK's leadership is credible and not just symbolic.

Why This Matters Now:

- The UK has committed to the Global Methane Pledge- a reduction in global methane emissions by 30% by 2030, but it currently lacks the regulatory tools to achieve this.
- The EU Methane Regulation will soon require importers to report and meet performance standards, putting UK fossil fuel exports and purchases at risk without regulatory alignment.
- Without clear rules, the UK risks becoming a dumping ground for high-emissions fuels no longer acceptable in the EU market.
- There's a clear pathway forward - **Clean Air Task Force's UK Regulatory [Roadmap](#)** offers a practical, evidence-based **path to dramatically reduce methane from oil and gas**.

We encourage you to seize this opportunity and commit to developing regulations on methane emissions from fossil fuels produced at home and imported into the UK. This is one of the fastest and cheapest solutions we have

to address climate change, hold major polluters accountable, and safeguard the UK's climate credibility. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

Thank you for considering the priorities outlined in this letter. We look forward to your leadership in turning these opportunities into meaningful action.

Signatures of undersigned organisations and individuals:

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Cardiff Quakers – Ruth Harding, Clerk

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Climate Action Leicester & Leicestershire

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Climate Cymru – Sam Ward, Head

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Climate Reality Project, London Hub

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Edinburgh Meadows Community Garden – Aileen McKay
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Frack Free Sussex – Lorraine Inglis, Lead Campaigner
Frack Free United – Steve Mason, Campaign Director
Friends of the Earth – Jonathan Holland
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Green Alliance – Liam Hardy
Green Jobs Chichester – Ann Stewart
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Wildlife & Countryside Link – Richard Benwell, CEO
Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis – Bob Whitmarsh, Jo Crocker
Winchester Green Party – Lorraine Estelle

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