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Dear Colleagues:

In 2004, the United States, along with 13 other countries, launched the Methane to Markets Partnership. The goal of this international public-private Partnership is to reduce emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, by advancing the development of projects that recover and use methane as a clean energy source.

Since its inception, the Methane to Markets Partnership has enjoyed strong support from the highest levels of the U.S. government, with President Bush pledging up to \$53 million dollars over five years. Together with our international partners, we have established a strong infrastructure for the Partnership and created a vibrant global community of governments, private sector and non-governmental organizations, and financing institutions that are committed to promoting methane capture and use projects worldwide.



Thanks to this commitment and our collective efforts, we are seeing tangible results. For example, in less than two years, four additional countries have joined the Partnership and more than 350 private sector and non-governmental organizations have signed on to participate in the Project Network. More importantly, the Methane to Markets Partnership is launching projects and activities on the ground that are already reducing methane emissions. This report describes the U.S.-supported projects and activities, and it documents their contribution to energy security, clean development, and the environment.

As the Chair of the Methane to Markets Steering Committee and as a representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I am very proud of our accomplishments in supporting the Partnership. I look forward to continued U.S. commitment to the Methane to Markets Partnership and to working with our public and private sector partners to develop near-term methane recovery projects that will yield significant economic, clean energy, and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,



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