



EPA's Proposal to Reduce Climate- and Health-Harming Pollution from the Oil and Natural Gas Industry: How to Comment

November 2, 2021-- EPA is taking a significant step in fighting the climate crisis and protecting public health through a proposed rule that would **sharply reduce methane and other harmful air pollutants from both new and existing sources in the oil and natural gas industry.**

- There are two ways to comment on EPA's proposed rule.
 1. **Comment in writing:** Once the proposal publishes in the Federal Register, the public will have 60 day to submit written comments to EPA in writing (see the end of this fact sheet for instructions).
 2. **Comment at the public hearing.** EPA will hold a virtual public hearing beginning 15 days after the proposal is published in the Federal Register. You will need to register to speak in advance; the hearing dates and information on registering will be posted at on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry> when the proposal is published.
 - **NOTE:** If you need language translation or other reasonable accommodation, please notify EPA within seven days after the proposal is published, so that the Agency may provide this service. Information on requesting reasonable will be available in the instructions for registering to speak at the hearing.
 - Your comments may address any aspect of the proposal, including impacts you are experiencing related to pollution from the oil and gas industry; how you would like EPA to address your concerns; how EPA is addressing those concerns in the proposed rulemaking; and technical aspects of the proposal. Comments EPA receives in writing get the same weight as comments received at the public hearing.

Instructions for submitting written comments on EPA's proposed rule:

- When you send EPA comments on the proposed rule, it is critical that you label your comments with the docket number. That's how EPA knows which comments go with which proposed rule. The docket number for the proposed regulations for the oil and natural gas industry is: **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317**
- EPA prefers that you submit comments online through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Visit <https://www.regulations.gov/> and type **EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317** in the search box. That will take you to a link to the docket for the proposed rule. Under the link, there will be a button

that says “Comment.” Click on that button to submit your comments, or you can open the link, and use the blue button in the upper left to enter your comments.

- You also may send your comments the following ways:
 - Email: a-and-r-docket@epa.gov. Include Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317 in the subject line of the message.
 - Fax: (202) 566-9744. Label your fax: Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317.
 - Mail: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.
 - Hand/Courier Delivery: EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center’s hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday (except Federal holidays).
 - Note: Out of an abundance of caution for members of the public and our staff, the EPA Docket Center and Reading Room are closed to the public, with limited exceptions, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov/> or email, because there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes.
 - Hand deliveries and couriers may be received by scheduled appointment only. For more information on EPA Docket Center services and the current status, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.