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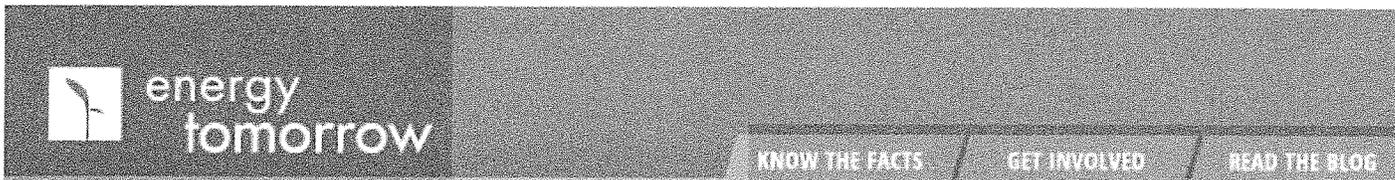
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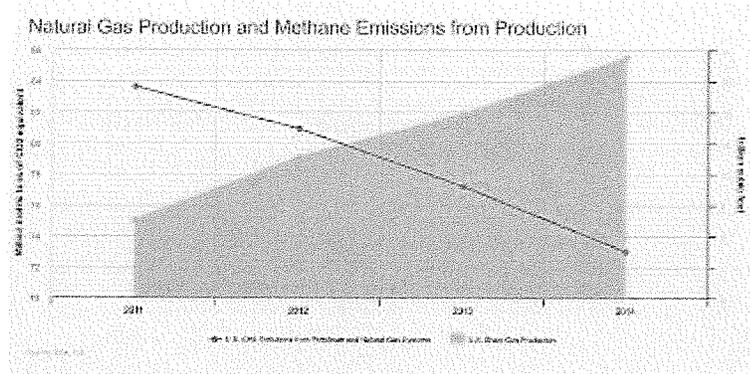
**Methane Regulations
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These facts bear repeating in light of the Obama administration's announcement that it is pursuing yet another set of methane regulations. Not only are the additional regulations duplicative and unnecessary in light of industry's success in reducing emissions under current regulations, but the new rules could actually undermine progress.

The hydraulic fracturing-driven shale energy revolution is a primary reason the U.S. leads the world in reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Greater availability of clean-burning natural gas has helped drive down carbon emissions for power generation and has lowered utility costs for families and businesses. Costly new regulations that discourage shale energy production put all those benefits at risk.

Methane is the primary component of natural gas, and producers prioritize capturing it for delivery to consumers to heat homes and generate clean-burning electricity. We can expect emissions will continue to drop as operators implement additional innovative technologies.

Considering the success the industry as already achieved in reducing methane emissions, it's hard to see this move as anything other than regulating for the sake of regulating.

Sincerely,

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