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Sick of me yet?

I am.

It didn't take long for the WaPost environmental reporter, Chris Mooney, to start hypothesizing about what President Trump would do to roll back Obama climate initiatives, including methane reduction authority for various agencies. As we discussed last month, we have strong opinions (and a pretty good story) on methane and our holding statement flat-out says we are in favor of regs that get the job done. But....still not dying to be that direct. Worked with Marnie Funk to soften that language and still be true to ourselves, I crafted the following:

It's our view that responsibly managing methane emissions is good for the industry, the economy and the environment. We favor a pragmatic approach – one that takes into account a combination of incentives, technology and best practices – as a way to reduce methane emissions and highlight the overall benefits of natural gas.

For our part, methane reduction initiatives are in place, already. Those include leak detection and repair, energy efficiency targets, as well as flare and venting reduction programs. Further, Shell is a founding member of the Center for Responsible Shale Development* (CRSD) and recently pledged financial support to the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI) with the explicit goal of reducing methane emissions from the global oil and gas industry.

*The Center for Responsible Shale Development (CRSD) is an alliance of energy producers and environmental organizations working together to demonstrate responsible stewardship of the environment and its resources. CRSD standards meet, and often exceed, state and federal regulations. Companies can seek certifications in Air & Climate, Water & Waste, or both concurrently. Auditors evaluate the applicant's operations to the standards of the certification. A summary of every completed audit report is available on this website. All producers operating in the Appalachian region are eligible to apply for certification.