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**Subject:** Re: Ready for Recovery: U.S. Energy Operators Committed to Emissions Reductions  
**From:** Bill Koetzle  
**To:** Frank Macchiarola [REDACTED] Kristin A. Westmoreland [REDACTED] API President [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Chris Carroll [REDACTED]

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Bill Koetzle  
SR VP Government Affairs

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**From:** API President [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 4:37:10 PM  
**To:** Bill Koetzle [REDACTED] Frank Macchiarola [REDACTED] Kristin A. Westmoreland [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Chris Carroll [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Ready for Recovery: U.S. Energy Operators Committed to Emissions Reductions

Hello Bill, Frank & Kristin:

I was just cleaning out the 400 autoreplies to the API President account and found this actual email reply from last night.

Who is best to reply?

Thanks,  
JB

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 8:28 PM  
**To:** API President [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@api.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Ready for Recovery: U.S. Energy Operators Committed to Emissions Reductions

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**From:** Mike Sommers, API [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** Dave Rader [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ready for Recovery: U.S. Energy Operators Committed to Emissions Reductions



# The Natural Gas and Oil Industry

Ready for Recovery: U.S. Energy Operators Committed to Emissions Reductions

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Dear Dave,

Even during a challenging year, America's natural gas and oil industry is finding ways to meet the world's growing demand for energy while enhancing the health, safety and sustainability of our operations.

This week, [The Environmental Partnership](#) – an industry-led initiative with more than 80 members established to improve environmental performance in the production and transmission of natural gas and oil – launched a new [Flare Management Program](#), designed to further [reduce methane emissions](#) in oilfields across the U.S.

Like other programs to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions from industry operations, this flaring initiative promotes best practices, innovative technologies and shared pathways to sustainable performance.

Companies participating in The Environmental Partnership represent over 70 percent of total onshore U.S. natural gas and oil production. The program provides additional tools that help companies prioritize cost-efficient and high-tech solutions to the world's most pressing climate questions.

By collaborating with scientists, engineers and academics, the industry is [leading efforts](#) to address the need for affordable, reliable energy while shrinking our environmental footprint.

And it builds on key industry-led progress: Between 2011 and 2018, methane emission rates in five of the largest natural gas and oil producing regions – like the Permian and Appalachian Basins – fell nearly 70 percent.

The Flare Management Program stands to build on this progress, promoting the practices and technologies to drive emissions reductions through data collection and reporting.

Additionally, the natural gas and oil industry has maintained its focus on industry-led climate solutions and groundbreaking technologies:

- [Cleaner Power Generation](#) – U.S. natural gas is now the leading source of domestic electricity, accounting for about 38 percent of U.S. electricity generated in 2019. The fuel has been largely responsible for driving energy-related carbon dioxide emissions to generational lows.
- [Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage \(CCUS\)](#) – American energy operators have made significant investments in CCUS technology, which removes carbon dioxide from industry operations for storage or use in manufacturing projects.
- [Sustainability Reporting Guidance](#) – API, alongside international natural gas and oil industry associations, has developed a common framework for assessing environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. This comprehensive reporting strengthens our business transparency and corporate citizenship.

The Environmental Partnership and new initiatives like the Flare Management Program contribute to the natural gas and oil industry's broader climate leadership, which involves the safe and responsible development of America's natural resources, today and tomorrow.

With an expanding coalition of private-sector partners committed to both economic growth and environmental stewardship, our operators can – and must – tackle the climate challenges that will

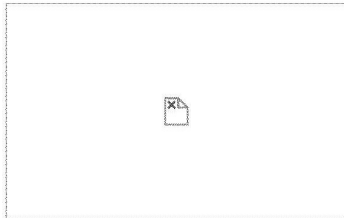
define our energy future.

All the best,

**Mike Sommers**  
*President and CEO*

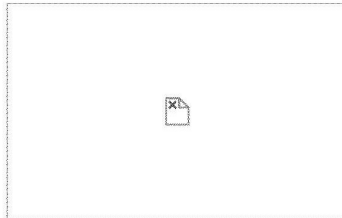
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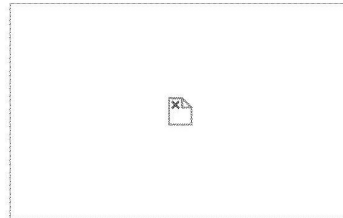
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API represents all segments of America's oil and natural gas industry. Its more than 600 members produce, process, and distribute most of the nation's energy. The industry supports 10.9 million U.S. jobs and is backed by a growing grassroots movement of millions of Americans. API was formed in 1919 as a standards-setting organization. In its first 100 years, API has developed more than 700 standards to enhance operational and environmental safety, efficiency and sustainability.

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