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Federal rules requiring oil and gas drillers to seek out and repair methane leaks on existing wells to help in the fight to slow climate change won't be adopted before the end of the Obama administration, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy said Thursday.

When the Obama administration announced they would pursue such a rule two months ago - with less than 11 months left in office - officials avoided putting specific time frames on a data gathering and political process that can take years. On Thursday McCarthy said EPA would issue its first information request shortly, followed by another in the fall that oil and gas companies would have four months to respond to.

"We're not going to complete the [data collection] within that window [of the Obama administration]," she said. "We'll continue to take action where we can, so we can get the information the next administration can rely on."


On the campaign trail the presumptive Democratic and Republican nominees remain far apart on climate change. Hillary Clinton has pledged to continue the work done by the Obama administration to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while Donald Trump has described climate change as not a pressing issue for the United States.

The EPA did finalize Thursday its long-awaited rule on methane emissions for new oil and gas operations, requiring regular inspections of wells and processing facilities.

There were some changes from the draft proposal released last year. EPA described those changes as, "including removing an exemption for low production wells and requiring leak monitoring surveys twice as often at compressor stations, which have the potential for significant emissions. The final rule also provides companies a pathway to align the final standards with comparable state-specific requirements they may have."

"New data has shown methane emissions from the oil and gas sector are 30 percent higher than previously estimated," said, Dan Utech, deputy assistant to the president for energy and climate change. "President Obama believes no challenge poses a greater threat to future generations than climate change."

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