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EPA Seeks Data On Technologies to Reduce Oil & Gas Industry Emissions

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EPA is seeking a host of data from the oil and natural gas sector on emerging technologies to reduce emissions from industry operations, saying the request -- which is separate from a recent data collection effort on methane emissions from existing oil and gas operations -- might inform a future Clean Air Act rule for existing sources.

In [a pre-publication Federal Register notice](#) dated July 8, EPA seeks "information on innovative technologies to accurately detect, measure, and mitigate emissions from the oil and natural gas industry."

The agency's request for information (RFI) follows its June 3 [draft information collection request](#) (ICR) for the sector outlining a planned multi-stage process for obtaining information from the industry about existing oil and gas operations' emissions of the potent greenhouse gas methane. The data collected by the ICR is widely expected to help determine whether and how the next administration will regulate methane from existing sources.

In the RFI, EPA says it is now seeking a broader suite of data that "may be key in addressing emissions from existing oil and natural gas sources under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA)."

Specifically, EPA is seeking data on efforts to foster development and use of advanced monitoring and leak detection methods similar to the optical gas imaging required in the agency's air rules for new and modified sources, also issued June 3 that imposed first-time methane limits on those sources.

EPA in the RFI acknowledges that final results may not be available on some of those efforts, but says it "is interested in learning about works-in-progress that may lead to advanced monitoring techniques, devices or systems appropriate for the dynamic and complex oil and natural gas

sector.”

The agency is also seeking information on how these monitoring technologies might be broadly applied to existing sources, including research on systems that would cover emission points or equipment in a way that was not previously available, “thus enabling a different approach to setting standards.”

Additionally, the agency is soliciting information on advancing mitigation opportunities, particularly on technologies that could allow for effective controls at well sites or other co-located facilities.

The *Register* notice also urges industry participation in the agency’s annual conference for Natural Gas STAR, its voluntary methane reduction program, tentatively slated for early 2017, saying the event may be used to exchange information. -- *Bridget DiCosmo*

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