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Title: Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions  
Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review

Dear OIRA,

My name is Austin Orth and I have been a resident of Pittsburgh for the past 6 years. Since moving here, I have experienced poor air quality and rising temperatures each year. I have several friends who had no breathing problems before moving to Pittsburgh, and now have chronic asthma. My wife has also experienced an increase in respiratory issues since moving here.

Code orange and code red air quality days are common, and on these days, it's difficult for my wife and I to spend any amount of time outside without having allergy-like symptoms. My friends with asthma simply can't go outside—if they do, they'll be coughing within minutes. These air quality issues, coupled with the record setting heat each summer due to climate change, have a major impact on the health of all Pittsburghers.

Methane emissions are a clear contributor to both issues. So, I implore you: set the strictest possible guidelines for low-producing natural gas wells and require regular inspections. Many of these wells are in our public parks in Pittsburgh—places where folks are supposed to be able to get out in nature and away from the fumes of the city. And yet, people are more exposed to pollution when they visit these places than they are downtown. The proposed guidelines are a simple policy change that will have a major impact on our lives here, not only allowing us to physically breathe more easily, but also reap the mental and spiritual health benefits of safely spending time in our parks. Please make it happen!

Sincerely

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