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Judge reinstates BLM methane waste prevention rule

BLM's delay is 'untethered to evidence'

Statement from the Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC) by Rodger Steen from Steamboat Springs, Colo., on a [federal judge's ruling](#) yesterday ending the Interior Department's suspension of the methane waste prevention rule. WORC is a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

“The ruling is a big win for us. The WORC network will continue to challenge Secretary Zinke’s blatant disregard for the interests of the citizens’ health and good management practices of the public’s petroleum resource. This is a ruling against the Trump Administration and its pattern of hastily concocted attempts to unravel well-conceived protections of our natural resources. Western communities joined forces and fought for this methane rule and, in the process, exposed the Administration’s lack of concern for citizen interests. WORC, its affiliates, and other citizen organizations will continue to work to correct these poorly concocted assaults on well-conceived standards.”

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Based in Billings, Mont., the Western Organization of Resource Councils is a seven-state network of grassroots community organizations working to strengthen communities and shape policies on energy and agriculture.