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**Grassroots effort defeats attack on methane waste rule**  
*WORC issues statement*

Lisa DeVille, Mandaree, N.D., issued the following statement on behalf of the Western Organization of Resource Councils in reaction to the failure of the U.S. Senate to act on the resolution to repeal the Bureau of Land Management's Methane Waste Prevention Rule. DeVille serves on WORC's board of directors.

“For people like me in Indian Country, this rule means less waste of natural gas, cleaner air and more money to support tribal communities. The public, including tribal communities in North Dakota, supported this rule throughout the more than three-year public comment and hearing process. This win shows that when affected people organize and act, they can protect the interests of taxpayers and the health of local people. WORC thanks Western senators who voted to uphold this much needed protection, especially Senators Heitkamp, Bennet, Tester, and McCain.”



