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Moms to EPA: You Can't See Dangerous Methane Pollution, but You Can Stop It

New digital campaign from Moms Clean Air Force exposes dangers of fracking pollution

(Washington, D.C. - July 6, 2015) Moms Clean Air Force today launched a new digital campaign aimed at encouraging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to set the strongest possible public health safeguards against methane and other toxic pollution from the oil and gas industry. The campaign features new video taken with high tech cameras that captures the methane and toxic pollution like benzene leaking from industry sites, many close to homes, schools, and parks where our kids live, learn, and play.

The videos and digital advertising drive viewers to a <u>website</u> where supporters can send a message to the EPA asking for strong standards to cut methane pollution.

The new campaign coincides with Moms Clean Air Force's <u>Play-In for Climate Action</u>, which will bring hundreds of families to Washington, DC, to rally for clean air and climate action. The Play-In for Climate Action is scheduled for tomorrow Tuesday July 7th, 9:30 AM to noon, at Upper Senate Park on the grounds of the US Capitol.

This year, as part of the Play-In, Moms Clean Air Force is hosting a delegation of 23 women from some of the nation's top oil and gas producing states. These moms, and thousands of other parents, are concerned about the lack of national standards for air pollution from oil and gas operations. U.S. oil and gas production has grown by 63% and 22%, respectively, in the past six years, while regulations have lagged behind, leaving us with pollution that worsens smog, can cause cancer, and accelerates climate change. Last week, EPA sent a package of proposed methane emission limits from oil and gas infrastructure -- the first-ever such standards -- to the Office of Management and Budget in preparation for the public release of the proposed rule, expected later this summer.

"The San Juan Basin Four Corners Region is home to two of the dirtiest power plants in the country, and two coal mines," says Sarah Jane White, member of the Navajo Nation from Northwest New Mexico who is traveling to Washington, DC, for the Play-In for Climate Action. "The area is also surrounded by fracking and oil and gas production. It's the largest point source of methane and carbon pollution in the entire country! We live in the middle of this."

National standards for methane emissions from oil and gas operations will help protect local communities from smog and toxic air pollutants, and will also help slow dangerous climate change.

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Moms Clean Air Force is a community of moms and dads united against air pollution – including the urgent crisis of our changing climate – to protect our children's health. We arm members with reliable information and solutions through online resources, articles, action tools and on-the-ground events.