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MOMS CLEAN AIR FORCE RESPONDS TO ACTING ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW WHEELER'S VISIT TO MARCELLUS SHALE CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH

"My two sons are among the millions of children who go to school near oil and gas operations that threatens their health and safety," said **Patrice Tomcik, Oil & Gas Specialist with Moms Clean Air Force, from Southwest Pennsylvania.** "Children are especially vulnerable to these threats, including cancer, respiratory illness, fetal defects, blood disorders, and neurological problems. **With so many children living, playing, and learning in close proximity to oil and gas production, it is offensive that the EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler would bring to my back yard his ill-advised agenda to weaken or revoke methane safeguards that protect our children from this industrial pollution. Gov. Tom Wolf is the real leader in Pennsylvania as he moves to enact common-sense protections for the thousands of existing sources of methane pollution in our state.**"

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), acting administrator Andrew Wheeler, is working to dismantle oil and gas pollution safeguards Americans rely on known as the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) that curb methane emissions and toxic pollution from [36,000 recently built or updated oil and gas wells](#) across the country. The derailment of these essential protections would enable the oil and gas industry to continue releasing millions of tons of methane and other volatile organic compounds into the air our families breathe, posing a serious threat to public health.

With Trump's EPA working to roll back federal methane standards for oil and gas air pollution, we are at risk of losing a critical line of defense in the fight against global warming. Now more than ever, Pennsylvania must enact common sense, cost-effective methane standards that will safeguard families and communities from the public health and climate impacts of this pollution.

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Moms Clean Air Force is a community of over one million moms and dads, with over 90,000 members in Pennsylvania, united against air pollution 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. More here: <http://www.momscleanairforce.org/>