



Dear Friends,

First the good news: the Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission has proposed some key amendments to its rules that regulate the flaring and venting of natural gas in the Cowboy State. The rules come after years of citizen pressure from our organization and others. In May 2013, Powder River led a coalition of groups to [petition](#) state regulators for a new set of flaring rules. The Commission has finally responded with this proposed set of amendments to its regulations.

Now the bad news and why we need your help: the proposed rule amendments don't go nearly far enough to curb the waste of natural gas in Wyoming. Regulators need the tools to actually regulate and prevent flaring and venting from oil and gas wells in the state.

**Please submit comments to the Oil and Gas Commission by noon on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to make your voice heard in support of strong rules to prevent flaring and venting of natural gas.**

A poll released yesterday from Colorado College showed that 75% of Wyomingites support rules to prevent flaring. Your fellow citizens know that curbing flaring makes good common sense – it prevents waste of a nonrenewable resource (which in many cases is publicly owned) and it helps prevent impacts to our air and climate. Wasting natural gas costs state and local governments millions of dollars each year that could be used to fund schools and other community services.

Although oil drilling has declined with the bust, flaring is still a common industry practice. Now is the time to take action to prevent flaring. Tell the Oil and Gas Commission to adopt strong regulations that limit the amount of gas that can be wasted through flaring. It's as simple as that.

Submit comments to:  
State Oil and Gas Supervisor  
P. O. Box 2640  
Casper, WY 82602-2640  
or via e-mail to [wogcc\\_rules@wyo.gov](mailto:wogcc_rules@wyo.gov)

Comments must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. on January 22, 2016 to be considered.

For more information on the rule proposal, don't hesitate to get in touch with Shannon at our office at 307-672-5809 or [sanderson@powderriverbasin.org](mailto:sanderson@powderriverbasin.org). The proposed rules are available on the [Oil & Gas Commission's website](#).

Thanks for your time and action!  
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