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Comments that I plan to present tomorrow are attached as an MS WORD document.

Thank you,

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My name is Jon Klingel.
I live in Santa Fe County.
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I am a retired pipeline inspector from the Prudhoe Bay oil fields, Alaska, with about 16 years of experience.

Leaking methane is wasteful, dangerous, a significant contributor to global warming, and unnecessary. In Prudhoe Bay, methane leaks are simply not tolerated. Leaking equipment (whether a well, pipeline or in a facility) will result in an immediate shut-down and repair, as soon as it's discovered. Leaking equipment is not necessary. It is not tolerated in the Alaskan arctic and there is no justifiable reason to tolerate it in NM.

Flaring methane is also a problem. It is certainly wasteful. It is also inefficient combustion which results in carbon particles being released to the atmosphere. These particles affect air and water quality, and the snow pack. Flaring methane is not necessary, with the possible rare exception of emergency flaring of gas due to sudden excessive pressure in the system.

Methane is a significant contributor to our warming and drying climate, the primary factor in the increasing frequency, intensity and speed of NM wildfires.

Clearly, allowing methane leaks and flaring is wasteful, dangerous, affects global warming and has additional negative environmental impacts. Further, **methane leaks and flaring are not necessary.** It is long past time for New Mexico to wake up and solve this problem or leave methane in the ground.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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