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# EDITORIAL: EPA plays to Trump base with unhelpful cull of methane regulations

The divisive rollback of methane regulations proposed by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last week amounts to a thinly-veiled political bung from the Trump administration to 'mom and pop' frackers ahead of the 2020 presidential election. This comes at the expense of undermining those advocating for gas – and particularly US LNG – to play a central role in the global energy transition.

By the EPA's own estimates, removing limits on methane leaks from oil and gas operations would drive up emissions and deliver only ...

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