



Methane Regulation

Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell provides representation across the spectrum of efforts to regulate and reduce methane emissions. We help clients engage in state and federal rulemaking proceedings to develop stringent methane regulation standards, and we help clients understand how regulations affect existing sources of methane on the ground. We also represent clients in legal challenges related to methane regulation. Our Methane Regulation practice is closely connected to our State and Federal Climate Policy and Air Quality practices.

Representative Experience

- Representing nonprofit organization in innovative effort before Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) to evaluate ways to secure needed reductions in methane and other hydrocarbon pollution statewide. The current program grew out of previous AQCC rulemaking in which Firm attorney advocated for Colorado's adoption of EPA's Control Techniques Guidelines for pollution from oil and gas facilities, making Colorado the first state in the nation to adopt the Guidelines.
- Provided strategic counsel to nonprofit organization regarding pathways to allow capture and beneficial use of coal mine methane.
- Acted as lead counsel developing first statewide regulations to control methane emissions from oil and gas production facilities, which regulation became a model for the federal regulation to reduce methane pollution from oil and gas production sites.
- Represented nonprofit organization in defense of federal methane regulations and in affirmative challenge to rollback of those regulations.