

Anti-fracking activists try to claim that fugitive methane emissions cancel out the environmental benefits of natural gas. In reality, these methane emissions have dramatically decreased as natural gas production has soared.

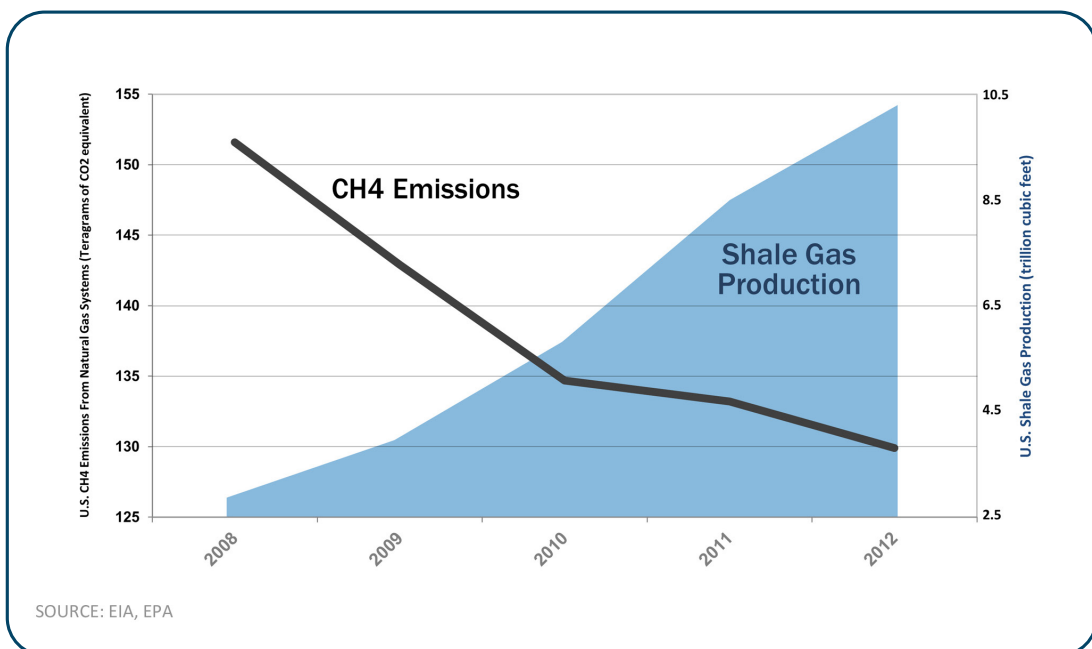
DO YOU KNOW? THE FACTS

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✓ Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that U.S. methane emissions fell 16.9 percent since 1990.



✓ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): “[R]ecent lifecycle assessments indicate that specific GHG emissions are reduced by one half” as more power plants convert to natural gas.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING



U.S. EPA administrator Gina McCarthy: “Responsible development of natural gas is an important part of our work to curb climate change.”



Former UK executive director of Greenpeace Stephen Tindale: “[C]limate campaigners should support fracking for shale gas.”



U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz: “About half of that progress we have made [on greenhouse gas emissions] is from the natural gas boom.”



Berkeley professor Richard Muller: “[B]oth global warming and air pollution can be mitigated by the development and utilisation of shale gas” – therefore, “Environmentalists who oppose the development of shale gas and fracking are making a tragic mistake.”