

Press Release

New Report: Collaborative of Natural Gas Purchasers Reaffirms Commitment to Promote Voluntary Reporting on Safe and Responsible Natural Gas Production Practices, Publishes New Stakeholder Resources

Washington D.C. (January 30, 2019) – The Natural Gas Supply Collaborative (NGSC) released a new report today that reaffirms its commitment to promoting safe and responsible practices for natural gas supply. The report features new resources developed by NGSC to increase accessibility of information on natural gas production and highlights progress made by natural gas producers in 2018 through voluntary actions related to social and environmental issues, including commitments to reduce methane emissions.

NGSC is a voluntary collaborative of natural gas purchasers promoting increased transparency through voluntary reporting by natural gas producers. Operating at the intersection of the natural gas supply chain and end-use customers, NGSC participants are increasingly asked by their stakeholders to address questions concerning natural gas production.

NGSC participants are some of the largest natural gas purchasers in North America and include Austin Energy, Calpine Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, CPS Energy, Énergir, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, National Grid, NRG Energy, NW Natural, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Vermont Gas and Xcel Energy. Collectively, NGSC participants purchase gas equivalent to more than 13 percent of U.S. marketed natural gas. This is enough natural gas to meet the needs of more than 41 million households, and, as part of a portfolio of resources, generate enough electricity from natural gas to power almost 17 million households.

NGSC is making new resources available through its website today. The resources provide stakeholders, including NGSC customers, with direct access to state-level natural gas production data, as well as information on voluntary reporting by natural gas producers on environmental and social issues.

NGSC encourages natural gas producers to build on recent progress and continue to improve transparency by voluntarily reporting on the collaborative's previously published [14 social and environmental performance indicators](#). The indicators cover (1) methane and air emissions, (2) water, (3) chemical use, and (4) community impacts and workforce safety. This type of voluntary reporting goes beyond demonstrating compliance with regulations and helps a company communicate directly with its stakeholders.

The report, *Natural Gas Supply Collaborative: Promoting Safe and Responsible Production Practices*, is authored by M.J. Bradley & Associates and is available, along with new resources on natural gas production and producer voluntary reporting, at <http://www.mjbradley.com/NGSC>.

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