**Methane Abatement for Oil & Gas – A Handbook for Policymakers**

**Country:** United States

**Description:** In support of the Global Methane Pledge, and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR), the U.S. Department of Commerce, Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) developed an open-access plain language handbook for policymakers on reducing methane emissions from oil and gas operations - the *Methane Abatement for Oil and Gas: Handbook for Policymakers*. The Handbook, is a guide to empower legislators, ministries, regulators, and national oil company officials to adopt and enforce legal instruments that will rapidly and effectively reduce methane emissions from the oil and gas sector. The Handbook was created in close collaboration with experts from U.S. government agencies, foreign governments, multi-lateral organizations, the oil and gas industry, civil society, and academia.

The U.S. Departments of State and Commerce encourage government policymakers and regulators to make use of the Handbook and apply its recommendations as they pursue their climate and energy goals. The Handbook is a starting point for understanding the policies, rules, and best practices that countries can adopt and implement to effectively abate methane from oil and gas production.

**Type of Tool:** Reference Document/Guide

**Status:** The handbook was published in September 2023 and is currently being translated into several languages to reach a boarder audience. It is currently available in English, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese

**Implicated Parties:** Any stakeholder interested in a quick guide to methane abatement.

**Impact:** This guide is a short survey of Methane abatement issues that should be broadly applicable to NPF members and other stakeholders.

**Link to Publication:**

<https://cldp.doc.gov/methane-abatement-resources>