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MANA Supports EPA Methane Rule As Challenges Emerge

August 2, 2016 – Washington, DC – Earlier this year, in an historic move, the Environmental Protection Agency took bold steps to protect the health of communities nationwide through standards to cut methane emissions by 40-45% by 2025. Currently, nearly 2 million Latinos across the United States live near oil and gas development while the industry has been found leaking millions of tons of methane pollution.

The impact has been to speed up climate change that threatens our communities, while also emitting large amounts of smog- and soot-forming pollution and toxic chemicals. These industrial leaks are like an invisible oil spill happening every day. “With the health and wellness of our communities on the line, we are now seeing legal challenges emerging to threaten the progress that can be made with the EPA Methane Rule,” said MANA President and CEO, Amy Hinojosa. She continues, “Now is the time for community advocates like MANA to stand up on behalf of our communities and the health of our children to ensure the EPA Methane Rule remains in place.”

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Founded in 1974, MANA, A National Latina Organization® (MANA) is a national grassroots membership organization with chapters, individual members and affiliates across the country. MANA represents the interests of Latina women, youth and families on issues that impact our communities. The MANA mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy. This is accomplished nationally through the AvanZamos® educational initiatives for adults and the HERMANITAS® mentoring program for Latina youth, ages 11-18.

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