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Removal of language and links on the Bureau of Land Management's hydraulic fracturing and methane rules.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) page on regulations for onshore energy production has been edited to remove language and links on hydraulic fracturing and methane rules.

Description

The BLM has removed language on the purpose of the 2015 hydraulic fracturing rule and a link to that rule from its page on regulations for onshore energy production. It has also removed the a section on, and link to, the proposed methane waste prevention rule.

The specific changes include:

- Removal of language about the purpose of the 2015 rule on hydraulic fracturing on BLM lands: "to ensure that when those operations are undertaken on lands where a BLM permit is required, steps are taken to ensure wellbore integrity, proper waste water [sic] management, and greater transparency about the process, including information about the composition of fracturing fluids."
- Removal of link to the hydraulic fracturing "HF" rule. The final rule is still accessible through a link from a <u>BLM press release</u>, which takes you <u>here</u> to the same pdf of the Federal Register that the original link pointed to.
- 3. Removal of section on Methane Waste Prevention Rule.
- 4. Removal of link to the proposed Methane rule. The page for the proposed rule is still up on the BLM site.

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- URL: <u>https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/oil-and-gas/operations-and-productions-and</u>
- Side-by-side View: 1/6/17 2/3/17

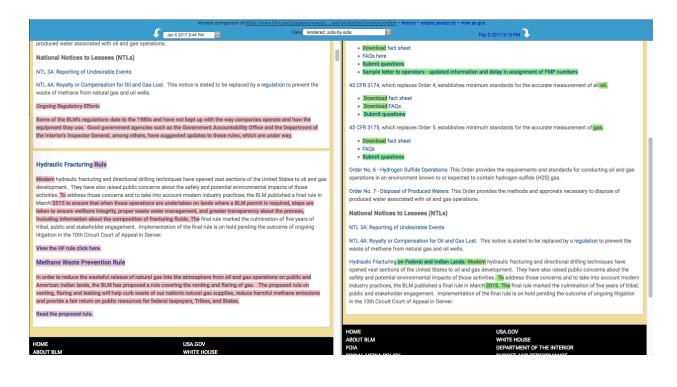
Screenshot 1.

(1a) Removal of language about the purpose of the 2015 rule on hydraulic fracturing on BLM lands.

(1b) Removal of link to a pdf of the hydraulic fracturing "HF" rule from the federal register.

(1c) Removal of section on Methane Waste Prevention Rule.

(1d) Removal of link to the "proposed Methane rule," though the linked page has not been removed.



Internet Archive Page Status:

- 1. Previous version from January 21, 2017: <u>http://web.archive.org/web/20170121014129/https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/oil-and-gas/operations-and-production/onshore-orders</u>
- 2. Revised version from January 28, 2017: <u>http://web.archive.org/web/20170128001447/http://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-</u> <u>minerals/oil-and-gas/operations-and-production/onshore-orders</u>

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