

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7273
OFFERED BY MR. BEYER OF VIRGINIA

At the end of title VI, add the following:

1 **SEC. 6___.** **METHANE MONITORING AND DETECTION**
2 **STRATEGY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
5 shall carry out the following:

6 (1) Develop, in consultation with the heads of
7 relevant Federal departments and agencies, a
8 consensus- and science-based strategy to assess and
9 evaluate the utilization of present and future meth-
10 ane monitoring and detection capabilities, including
11 ground-based, airborne, and space-based sensors,
12 source- and site-level technologies, and the integra-
13 tion of data relating to such monitoring and detec-
14 tion from other indicators, with a focus on the abil-
15 ity to detect methane emissions and large methane
16 emission events, to strengthen American energy se-
17 curity.

18 (2) Submit to Congress a report on such strat-
19 egy.

1 (b) GOAL.—The strategy under subsection (a) shall
2 be developed with the goal of enhancing the scientific and
3 operational value of the capabilities referred to in such
4 subsection, such that—

5 (1) the Administrator may use such strategy to
6 inform the planning of relevant research and devel-
7 opment activities;

8 (2) non-Federal entities, including State and
9 local governments, academia, nonprofit organiza-
10 tions, commercial industry such as the natural gas
11 and oil industry of the United States, and inter-
12 national organizations, may effectively leverage data
13 and information provided or enabled by such capa-
14 bilities; and

15 (3) such data may be quickly operationalized to
16 support the rapid mitigation of methane leaks.

17 (c) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this
18 section may be construed as conferring enforcement au-
19 thority to the Administrator, or the head of any other Fed-
20 eral department or agency, with regard to methane emis-
21 sions, that was not in effect on the date before the date
22 of the enactment of this Act.

