Communities impacted by oil and gas pollution

Across the U.S. there are over half a million small, leaky oil and gas wells emitting toxic pollution.



What leaks?



Oil and gas wells leak methane – an odorless, colorless greenhouse gas causing more than 25% of global warming. They also produce other toxic chemicals that can worsen air quality, create respiratory problems and even cause cancer.

Pollution and poverty

States with greatest number of people who live near these pollution sites and are below the poverty line



Communities of color

States where people of color are most impacted



Other populations living with pollution from low-producing oil and gas wells



Counties with the most lowproducing oil and gas wells • Low-producing wells • High-producing wells **Warren County, PA** 10,582 Indiana County, PA 9,928 Eddy County, NM 9,448 Lea County, NM 8,885 Andrews County, TX