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Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC)  
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**RE: Colorado Communities for Climate Action Urge Controls on Emissions**

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Aspen, in alignment with Colorado Communities for Climate Action, hereby provides comments on Colorado's overall strategy for greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions that will be heard this week. AQCC must implement additional assertive action within the current GHG Roadmap process. Without more aggressive measures, Colorado will be left with a gap between the emission reductions achieved and those needed to meet the statutory goals set out in HB19-1261, especially in the critical years before 2030.

Central to a Colorado GHG reduction is a robust and comprehensive program in concert with a proposed 2021 GHG cap on the oil and gas sector. Your role must consider adopting regulations that will phase out and address outdated high-emission pneumatic controllers at existing oil and gas facilities. Designed to measure temperature and pressure at oil and gas facilities, pneumatic devices are the second-largest contributor to methane pollution from the oil and gas sector in Colorado.

Colorado has the opportunity to be the first state in the nation to require retrofits of existing emitting pneumatic devices. Be goal oriented. Set the bar. The Commission should direct the Division to consider emission reductions from low producing wells that are not subject to this proposal in 2021. Zero-emission is also achievable.

As a local municipality, environmental stewardship is one of our main principles. Reducing methane & VOC emissions is of paramount importance. We urge the state to show up. Secure a brighter future for Colorado.

Sincerely,

Torre, MAYOR

Aspen CITY COUNCIL Members: Ward Hauenstein, Skippy Mesirow, Ann Mullins, and Rachel Richards