Reflections on the BLM's Proposed Methane and Waste Reduction Rule

On January 22, 2016, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell unveiled a **proposed rule** to reduce the waste of natural gas that results from venting, flaring and leaks by oil and gas production on public and tribal lands, reports **Van Ness Feldman LLP**.

"The 'Methane and Waste Reduction Rule' – which was published in the Federal Register on February 8, 2016, setting off a 60-day comment period – would update existing provisions of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM's) onshore oil and gas leasing and operations regulations and introduce new requirements aimed at curbing waste and minimizing royalty-free use of production," according to the **article** written by **Kyle Danish**, **Jonathan Simon**, **R. Scott Nuzum**, and **Avi Zevin**.

Their article examines key legal and policy changes in the proposed methane and waste reduction rule.

Read the article.