

California Fugitive Methane Emissions Study

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Measuring and Reducing Methane Emissions in Commercial Buildings

ICF, on behalf of the [California Energy Commission](#) (CEC), is conducting a study to estimate the scale and sources of fugitive methane emissions (i.e., small, unintentional leakage of natural gas) from California's commercial buildings. While these leaks are very small and do not pose any health or safety risks, in aggregate they materially contribute to statewide GHG emissions.

The study seeks to conduct 100+ on-site leak detection tests and receive 300+ survey responses from the following building sectors: office buildings, lodging/hotels, schools/education, healthcare, retail, food, and warehouses. The data gathered from this study will be used to develop a more accurate estimate of statewide emissions.

Leak detection tests are free to participants and results of each on-site test will be provided to the participating companies to inform their corporate GHG inventory/footprint. Individual company data will not be shared publicly. All data will be analyzed in the aggregate to ensure anonymity. Participating companies will also receive a certificate recognizing their participation in the program that can be used for sustainability reporting and marketing.

See the program [FAQ](#) for more information.

Participate in this free program in the two ways listed below:

- [Receive free on-site leak tests](#) to detect any methane leaks at your California facilities. The testing does not impact normal business operations, and individual building data will be aggregated with data from many other facilities to generate the statewide estimates while protecting participant confidentiality.
- [Complete a brief online survey](#) about your organization's building characteristics and gas usage. Providing this data will help orient our on-site testing team before their visit, while helping state policymakers to estimate fugitive emissions and create better, targeted solutions.

If you know of other colleagues, clients, or partners that would benefit from a free on-site leak assessment or from participating in this study, please forward this document to them or direct them to the project website at www.methanestudy.org.

