

# Energy Bill [HL]

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**After Clause 250**

BARONESS SHEEHAN

After Clause 250, insert the following new Clause –

**“Prohibition on flaring and venting**

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations prohibit the practice of flaring and venting by oil and gas installations other than in an emergency within the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom.
- (2) In this section “flaring” means the burning of methane gas and other hydrocarbons, produced during oil extraction; venting is the release of methane gas and other hydrocarbons directly into the atmosphere, without combustion.
- (3) Regulations under this section must be made so as to bring the prohibition into force by 31 December 2025.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would prohibit “flaring” which is the burning of methane and other hydrocarbons, produced during oil extraction, to dispose of it, and venting which is the release of uncombusted methane and other hydrocarbons. This is in line with recommendations made by the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee and would help ensure the UK fulfils commitments it made at COP26 and COP27 under the Global Methane Pledge.*

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