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TOTALENERGIES OFFICIAL COORDINATED WITH TRUMP TO DELAY EU METHANE RULES

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A TotalEnergies executive worked with US officials to delay the EUs methane rules, raising questions over the companys pledges to tackle leaks of the potent greenhouse gas.

DeSmogs findings follow an investigation by EUobserver into US lobbying, as the EU now debates whether to delay the rules originally due to come into force on 1 January 2027 by either one or three years.

François-Régis Mouton, formerly vice-president of gas advocacy at TotalEnergies, has been seconded from the French oil giant since 2018 to the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP), a London-based fossil-fuel industry lobby group.

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