

# CLIMATE **IN**ACTION

## at the university of michigan

### THE CURRENT REALITY AT U-M:

1. U-M's climate targets are at the **bottom** of Big 10 schools (OSU committed to carbon neutrality over 10 years ago).<sup>1</sup>
2. **We had a committee — it failed.** Committees are useless without accountability. U-M has largely ignored the recommendations of the 2015 President's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Committee.<sup>2</sup>
3. **U-M's new Commission has a poison pill:** putting a DTE rep on the commission is a direct conflict of interest for a rapid transition away from fossil fuels.<sup>3</sup>
4. U-M is spending \$80 million to **expand fossil fuel use** at the Central Power Plant (CPP), with construction underway.<sup>4,5</sup>
5. U-M has **\$900 million** invested in “proven oil and natural gas reserves” and “companies that service the oil and gas industry,” in addition to \$100 million invested in fossil fuel companies via public holdings.<sup>6</sup>
6. Fossil fuel investments are not slowing down: **U-M added \$340 million to fossil fuel investments in 2017 alone.**<sup>6</sup>
7. U-M chose to arrest 10 people after a 7.5 hour peaceful sit-in, rather than commit to a 1-hr public meeting on U-M climate policy. **They're currently pressing charges.**<sup>9</sup>

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

#### TELL U-M TO STEP UP ON CLIMATE ACTION BY:

1. **Committing** to Carbon Neutrality by 2030
2. **Removing DTE**, a fossil fuel company with a track record of gross environmental justice offenses<sup>7,8</sup> from the Commission on Carbon Neutrality to an advisory role
3. **Halting** the expansion of fossil fuel use at the Central Power Plant
4. **Divesting** from fossil fuel companies, who continue to hamstring climate action
5. **Get Involved:** CAM-contact@umich.edu

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4. Hegarty, K.P. (2017) Central Power Plant Expansion. Regents Communication; <https://goo.gl/LAQT5v>

5. <https://www.michigandaily.com/section/viewpoints/op-ed-fossil-fuel-not-path-carbon-neutrality>

6. Regents of the University Michigan (2017), 2017 Report of Investments; <https://goo.gl/LreMz1>

7. EarthJustice (2017) <http://bit.ly/2lpgDoa>

8. SourceWatch: Rouge River Power Plant; <http://bit.ly/2tvfAsy>

9. <https://www.michigandaily.com/section/campus-life/climate-strike-sit-fleming-resulting-10-arrests-after-rally>