

Request for information to the MIT Administration regarding the institute's relations to fossil fuel companies.

In an effort to better understand MIT's climate impact in ownership of and engagement with fossil fuel companies, the MIT Divest team would like to request the following information by April 1st, 2020:

MIT's definition of and goals for engagement from the 2015 MIT Climate Action Plan.

1. Per the Dec. 2017 Report of the CAP Review Committee: "The Review Committee believes it is important for the MIT administration to clarify the intent of 'engagement' and 'working with industry and government leaders.' Does the administration intend to go beyond normal outreach to the community, sponsors, government officials, and the public to proposing and advocating policy actions as an institution?"
2. Since 2015, what has MIT's climate-related engagement activity looked like? Generally what have the nature of these engagements looked like and what groups has MIT engaged with?
3. What has been the guiding purpose of engagement and what has it tried to achieve? Why was this choice chosen as a priority?

MIT's efforts to engage the fossil fuel industry and the results of these efforts.

1. Since 2015, how many meetings have occurred between MIT representatives and fossil fuel executives relating to climate disinformation, climate lobbying, and fossil fuel extraction practices? How many meetings are currently scheduled? Which companies have been represented?
2. Since 2015, how many informal conversations have occurred with fossil fuel executives and investor relations staff? Which companies have been represented?
3. What has been the purpose of each of these meetings? How many meetings have discussed:
 - a. Climate-related lobbying
 - b. Climate disinformation- can we trace MIT's engagement with these companies to a reduction in disinformation activities?
 - c. Development of new fossil reserves beyond the 2°C carbon budget - can we trace MIT's engagement with fossil fuel companies to a move towards responsible stewardship of remaining fossil fuel resources?

4. What shareholder resolutions has MIT filed or voted on relating to:
 - a. Emissions reporting
 - b. Climate risks to company
 - c. Lobbying activities
 - d. Continued fossil fuel resource development
 - e. Development of company sustainability plans to commit to emissions reductions
5. How did the Shell Auditorium come to be?
 - a. What considerations are taken into account with regards to naming buildings or programs at MIT after corporations or people?
 - b. What processes exist to ensure community input and oversight?
 - c. How do individuals or corporations that give such large donations impact research decisions?
6. Since 2015, what concrete outcomes have come of MIT's engagement with fossil fuel companies in influencing their activities?

MIT's financial involvement with the fossil fuel industry.

1. What funds did MITIMCo have invested in fossil fuel equity in calendar years 2019 and 2018?
 - a. Public equity.
 - b. Private equity.
2. What activities are fossil fuel companies funding at MIT?
 - a. Lab groups receiving funding from fossil fuel companies, groups inside and outside of MITEI
 - i. Breakdown of the end use of this funding. I.e., Is fossil fuel funding going towards low carbon energy research, computational methods, novel fossil fuel extraction techniques, etc.?
 - b. Funding to other initiatives and departments not included in research funding.