

CRAFT's Vision of working toward a sustainable future.

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CRAFT understands the importance of being in balance with the earth, our provider. We see promise in a future where humanity and the land are healing. Especially here in the Great Lakes, where our state of Michigan is important in creating and maintaining functional relationships with our environment so that all relative species and commerce are in balance.

At CRAFT we see Michiganders and all Turtle Island inhabitants breathing air free from emissions and having rights to access drinkable, usable water that is free from pollution. We envision growing and eating uncompromised foods, safe from degradation caused by pesticides, fertilizers, fossil fuel extraction and the toxic upstream/downstream impacts of the nuclear fuel chain that drives the Fermi 2 facility.

CRAFT sees the restoration of the wholeness of Michigan and the Great Lakes, especially those communities and ecosystems burdened by the fossil fuel and nuclear industry. We see one of the pathways being a transformation in our energy system and our thinking around it.

CRAFT sees green renewable energy at the forefront powering our community's homes. This distributed energy grid with battery storage capacity also powers commercial buildings, industrial manufacturing plants and government offices. The transition would be just with opportunities for all to be involved and benefit.

CRAFT sees the number of jobs associated with the just transition to be far great in numbers and measurably safer for the workforce. This is sustained over time as this energy infrastructure is built out and maintained while we continue to push forward into this safer, future free from nuclear energy and powered by renewables.

CRAFT, with a clear vision of creating a more sustainable future, works tirelessly to expose barriers to progress, and illuminate the path forward. In concert with our many grassroots friends and partners, we are co-conducting a diverse chorus of voices, chanting down the inequities of the dirty energy monopolies while lifting the vision of a public interest driven energy policy which is based on the best science and technology.

CRAFT knows nuclear power is the most dangerous, dirty and expensive form of energy common to the grid. Nuclear power is under 20% of the United States grid mix and falling, a percentage easily displaced by the low hanging fruit of available, affordable, energy efficiency measures. While American politics remain mired in dirty energy denial, most of the rest of the world is in rapid response mode.

CRAFT, rooted in indigenous culture, recognizes the pattern of colonialism in the master / slave engineering inherent to the designed dependence of our infrastructure. The centralization of production and the wholly dependent nature of consumer endpoints constitute an extreme monopolization of resources and the methods for their consumption. The evisceration of net metering and the capture regulatory bodies have stalled progress on renewable solutions, making a mockery of regulatory policy at a time of extreme distrust in government. The time has come for us all to demand better.

CRAFT's Goals

CRAFT, as a nuclear abolitionist organization, seeks to end the nuclear menace worldwide through opposing the local nuclear monster: Fermi 2. As the lead grassroots organization primarily dedicated to monitoring Fermi 2, CRAFT tracks public information releases and media coverage to compile our monthly newsletter. In monitoring Fermi 2, CRAFT is constantly searching for modes of intervention, from filing regulatory interventions with the NRC to coordinating stockholders' resolutions with DTE. CRAFT has been leading the charge to hold regulators and licensees accountable for their mishandling of this dangerous facility. Here is a brief breakdown of our main goals moving forward.

- ONE** Shutdown Fermi-2

- TWO** Ensure a safe and complete decommissioning of Fermi-2 and shape federal nuclear decommissioning and waste storage protocols, so that best science and practices which protect the environment, and thereby human health, are used.

- THREE** Collaborate regionally with partner organizations to end nuclear energy production in the Great Lakes Basin.

- FOUR** End renewals of current plant licenses. Eliminate subsidies of nuclear energy production.

- FIVE** Prevent the building of new nuclear energy infrastructure.

- SIX** Educate a wide audience about the hazards of nuclear energy, facts concerning green renewable energy production, and the granular details of energy policy.

- SEVEN** Usher in an accessible, fair, and just energy future for all.

We at CRAFT thank you, our readers, for your valuable time, and wholeheartedly encourage you to get involved in the way you see fit. We can help. Please contact us if you are looking for ways to get involved or have information you think we would find helpful.

-Jim Sherman, CRAFT Co-Chair