

Take the survey to tell UO to electrify its gas boiler system and dramatically reduce emissions:

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Context: According to their website “The UO Thermal Systems Task Force is responsible for reviewing the UO’s thermal heating infrastructure and recommending how best to reduce the system’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.” Despite positioning themselves as a sustainability and climate leader, University is Eugene’s largest climate polluter so this issue is important for our entire community. A hugely significant way they can reduce emissions is to transition the school’s boiler system, which currently runs on gas, to an electric system.

The Thermal Systems Transition Task Force has launched a survey to collect information and provide an opportunity for feedback. Please fill out the survey and use the suggested answers below as needed. If you want to find more ways to get plugged in to this issue contact aya@fossilfreeeugene.org.

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Key questions and suggested responses:

Q: In 2022, the State of Oregon launched an enforceable plan to reduce statewide emissions from fossil fuels by 90% by 2050. Should the University of Oregon rely primarily on that plan or spend money on additional actions that reduce campus heating emissions that may be more costly?

A: Take additional action to reduce campus emissions

Q: Why is it important for the University of Oregon to take action above and beyond planned state level emissions reduction plans? Because:

A: Any of these answers make sense - alternatively you can choose “Other” and write “all of the above”

Q: Of the potential impacts related to the project, which of the following are you most concerned about?

A: Use the sliders to indicate that you’re not concerned about any of the impacts

Q: What would you need to feel more informed and engaged about the university’s efforts to transform the university’s heating system?

A: Greater transparency about the decision-making process of the Thermal Task Force and more opportunities for public comment ahead of the Task Force’s recommendation to the Board.

Send additional input to the Thermal Task Force at: thermaltransition@uoregon.edu