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Solar PV land use per megawatt





Overview

How much land does a solar power plant need?

A utility-scale solar power plant may require between 5 and 7 acres per megawatt (MW) of generating capacity. Like fossil fuel power plants, solar plant development requires some grading of land and clearing of vegetation.

Are photovoltaic plants affecting land use?

The rapid deployment of large numbers of utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) plants in the United States, combined with heightened expectations of future deployment, has raised concerns about land requirements and associated land-use impacts.

How many acres does a megawatt solar project require?

Each megawatt typically requires 5 to 10 acres, indicating that a utility-scale project may consume hundreds to thousands of acres. 2.2 Local zoning regulations and land-use policies also play a crucial role in determining which lands are suitable for solar development.

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