

European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

Agreement template for the treatment of waste photovoltaic panels



Overview

What should be included in PV panel waste management guidelines?

The guidelines cover basic information such as relevant law and regulations on decommissioning, transportation, reuse, recycling and industrial waste disposal. It is expected that these reports will lead to further consideration of policies on end-of-life management of PV panel waste.

Will solar PV waste be recycled by 2040?

Based on the swift growth in the installed PV generation capacity, we propose that the number of EOL panels will necessitate a strategy for recycling and recovery which need to be established by 2040. CO₂ emissions could also be reduced by recycling solar PV waste which will consequently pose substantial positive impact on the environment.

Will EPA add solar panels to Universal Waste Regulations?

On October 23, 2023, EPA announced a new rulemaking effort to improve the recycling and management of end-of-life solar panels and lithium batteries. EPA is developing a proposed rule to add solar panels to the universal waste regulations and to add tailored universal waste standards for lithium batteries.

Can e-waste be turned into opportunities for PV panel waste management?

Yet by 2050, the PV panel waste added annually could exceed 10% of the record global e-waste added in 2014. As the analysis contained in this report shows, the challenges and experiences with e-waste management can be turned into opportunities for PV panel waste management in the future.

What are EU PV electronic waste regulations?

The EU has pioneered PV electronic waste regulations including PV-specific collection, recovery and recycling targets. The EU Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive entails all producers supplying PV

panels to the EU market to finance the costs of collecting and recycling EOL PV panels in Europe.

Who is involved in PV panel waste management?

The overall waste management industry includes different stakeholders such as producers, importers, dealers, system operators, utilities, municipalities, governments, waste treatment companies and end-users. Co-operation is needed among these players to guarantee the acceptance of future PV panel waste management systems.

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An early development of PV recycling industry will be essential for use renewable energy in a sustainable manner. It has been estimated that the cumulative PV waste has reached 43,500-250,000



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