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Government compensation for photovoltaic panels demolition



Overview

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The owners are required to show that they are financially able to pay to remove the solar panels and return the site to agricultural use at the end of the project's life.

Although more than 75% of all U.S. installed utility-scale PV came online in the last 5 years, federal, state, and local governments are planning for system decommissioning. Our research found that as of April 2021, one federal agency, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and 15 U.S. states have solar decommissioning policies in place.

This webpage provides an overview of the federal investment and production tax credits for businesses that own solar facilities, including both photovoltaic (PV) and concentrating solar-thermal power (CSP) energy generation technologies. Should local governments plan ahead for solar decommissioning?

It is prudent for local governments to plan ahead for solar decommissioning and create ordinances that spell out expectations and obligations. This

ensures that financial responsibility for decommissioning falls to the project owner and not the county and land- owners.

What is decommissioning a solar project?

Decommissioning refers to removal of equipment and restoration of the site. Unlike some other forms of development, a decommissioned solar project site can be repurposed for other uses, such as agricultural production. Often solar project permits define how a solar project is to be decommissioned.

What is the federal tax credit for solar photovoltaics?

Check out the Homeowner's Guide to the Federal Tax Credit for Solar Photovoltaics for more information on the ITC including eligibility requirements and how to claim it on your taxes. President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law, expanding the Federal Tax Credit for Solar Photovoltaics, also known as the Investment Tax Credit (ITC).

Are solar panels a hazardous waste under RCRA?

If these metals are present in high enough quantities in the solar panels, solar panel waste could be a hazardous waste under RCRA. Some solar panels are considered hazardous waste, and some are not, even within the same model and manufacturer.

Are solar panels regulated at end of life?

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How do you plan for solar decommissioning?

PLANNING FOR DECOMMISSIONING Decommissioning requirements can be set by states and counties. Landowners and developer agree-ments may set additional requirements. It is pru-dent for local governments to plan ahead for solar decommissioning and create ordinances that spell out expectations and obligations.

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