

European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

Industry regulations on the shelf life of photovoltaic panels



Overview

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Find information here about different types of solar panels and how they are regulated at end of life. If you are disposing of solar panels that are hazardous waste, then regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) must be followed to make sure the panels are safely recycled or disposed of.

The five-year-strategy aims to halve the cost of recycling and reduce the environmental impact of solar energy modules at end-of-life. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today released an action plan to enable the safe and responsible handling of photovoltaic (PV) end-of-life (EOL) materials.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) hosted a virtual workshop on June 28, 2021, on photovoltaics system components end-of-life (PV EOL) in order to understand the current state of PV EOL and the technical barriers to sustainable.

The contribution of this paper is an assessment and investigation of policies and regulations regarding solar photovoltaic (PV) end-of-life waste management in two prominent countries within the solar industry: China and the USA. Are solar photovoltaic panels end-of-life management?

End-of-Life Management: Solar Photovoltaic Panels, is the second of several solar-focused publications IRENA is releasing this summer. Last week, IRENA

released *The Power to Change*, which predicts average costs for electricity generated by solar and wind technologies could decrease by between 26 and 59 per cent by 2025.

Can end-of-life PV panels be recycled?

Voluntary collection and recycling of end-of-life PV panels has been provided by several PV industry stakeholders. For example, the company First Solar operates a commercial-scale recycling facility with a daily capacity of 30 t in Ohio for its own CdTe products (Raju, 2013).

Are end-of-life PV panels regulated in Japan?

Japan has no specific regulations for end-of-life PV panels, which, therefore, must be treated under the general regulatory framework for waste management (the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Act).

Do photovoltaic systems need a sustainable end-of-life?

“As we accelerate deployment of photovoltaic systems, we must also recognize the pressing need to address end-of-life for the materials in a sustainable way,” said Kelly Speakes-Backman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Does India have a waste regulation for end-of-life PV panels?

Although India currently has no specific PV-related waste regulation, increasing growth rates will most likely lead to waste regulations for end-of-life PV panels in the future. Opportunities for value creation exist in each segment of the PV value chain, including the end-of-life stage.

What are the criteria for solar PV end-of-life waste management?

The criteria were based on the following key areas of interest: 1. Legal framework: This included an assessment of the legal framework and regulatory environment for solar PV end-of-life waste management in each country. 2.

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End-of-Life Management for Solar Photovoltaics

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