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Overview

Navigating the complex landscape of federal, state, and local policies requires a comprehensive grasp of land use laws, zoning classifications, environmental constraints, and permit processes that influence the deployment of solar infrastructure. On January 15, 2025, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) selected the Solar and Storage Industries Institute (SI2) for a $3 million award to support stakeholder engagement, technical assistance, and educational resource development conducted as part of the. elopment is large-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) plants. These utility-scale solar farms are being installed around the world on a variety of terrestrial surfaces, including grassla ction is a key aspect of the solar development process. It is guided by a number of considerations — for example. Y PLANNING THEMES FROM THE SOLAR@ ar has benefits and tradeof t are your biggest concerns about large-scale solar dev e avoiding most impacts to se he conc pts translate to any type of energy project development. As the industry grows and states explore significant increases in solar penetration, the land necessary for solar projects will become more and more valuable. With thoughtful preparation, solar development can be a net positive for the environment and a boon for local communities. In a landmark. The BLM manages more than 19 million acres that have excellent potential for solar energy, but not all of those acres are suitable for utility-scale development. To determine where to start looking, the BLM analyzed the lands using a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. The Solar. This work was authored by Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC, the Manager and Operator of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) under a subcontract to The Solar Foundation for the SolSmart program. Funding for SolSmart is provided by the U.S. Department.

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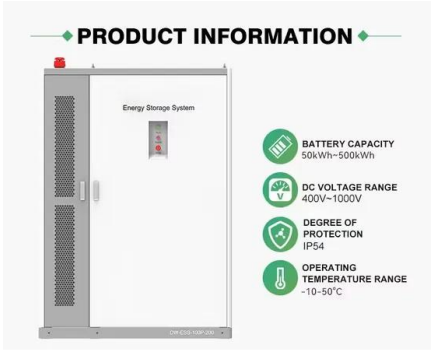
Land Use & Solar Development - SEIA

SEIA supports the use of federal land for solar development and is actively engaged in BLM's process for crafting the rules that govern how a solar project is permitted and built. Environmental Review ...

Smart Solar Zoning: How Land Use Planning Maximizes Your Solar

Zoning regulations and environmental science intersect powerfully when planning residential solar installations, directly impacting both property values and the environmental benefits ...



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Leveraging New Federal Land Use Policies and Advanced PV ...

BLM Updates Land Use Processes to Facilitate Renewables Leasing land from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to site utility-scale solar projects has long been a common ...

BEST PRACTICES IN PLANNING FOR LARGESCALE SOLAR ...

Local officials need a clear sense of how large-scale solar development fits into the community's vision of its future before they can use their authority to influence the market.

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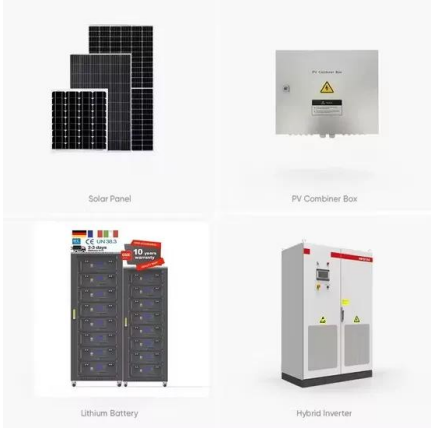

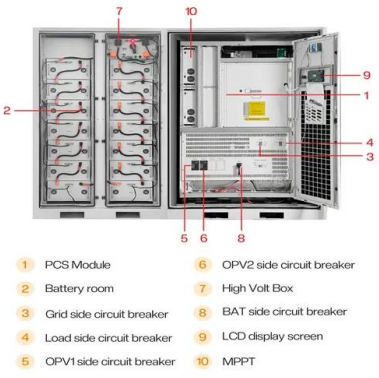

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An overview of how local governments can lay the groundwork for large-scale solar development, including how communities can integrate solar energy into their planning and zoning processes; lay ...

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As with other forms of energy generation, land selection is a key aspect of the solar development process. It is guided by a number of considerations -- for example, ownership and current use, ...

Uncommon Dialogue on Large-Scale U.S. Solar ...

The Solar Uncommon Dialogue is identifying more effective strategies, tools, and best practices related to siting large-scale solar projects, protecting important natural and working lands, and meeting host ...

Permitting and Land Use , The Law of Solar Guide , Stoel Rives LLP

Explore the essential permitting and land use requirements for constructing solar energy facilities, including state and local siting authority, regulatory approvals, and potential challenges.

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