

The environmental cost of solar power



Overview

Wind and solar power carry hidden costs, from heavy mineral use to short lifespans and vast land demands. A Center of the American Experiment, authored by Sarah Montalbano, explores the environmental costs of wind, solar, and battery storage technologies. These “green” technologies are often hailed. Policymakers must consider the costs of wind and solar and the benefits of oil and gas, coal, and nuclear when determining the desirability and feasibility of ambitious energy transition goals. Its sustainability and low environmental impact are major advantages, but there are challenges, such as intermittent sunlight, land use needs, and the scarcity of materials.

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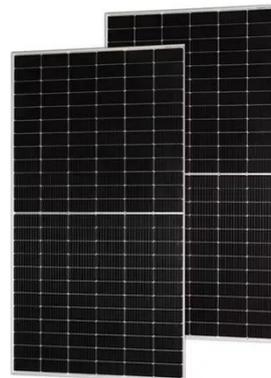
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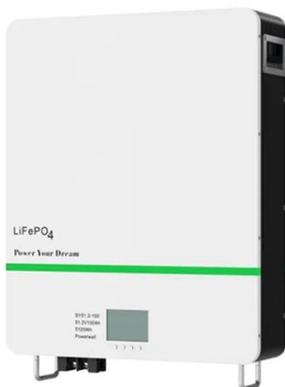
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