

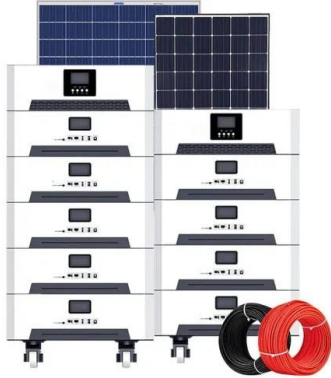
The impact of discarded photovoltaic panels on the environment



Overview

Making solar panels creates pollution and uses harmful chemicals. For instance, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) estimates that by 2050, discarded solar panels could amount to 78 million tons of waste globally. When a solar panel reaches the end of its usable life or is otherwise discarded, it becomes solid waste. Solid waste is regulated federally under RCRA Subtitle D and through. Solar panels are hailed for their ability to produce clean energy, but it's important to remember that they aren't entirely without environmental consequences: Energy-Intensive Manufacturing: The production of solar panels involves energy-intensive processes, including mining, refining, and the. Solar energy technologies and power plants do not produce air pollution or greenhouse gases when operating.

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