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Overview

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Future Considerations. - 27 GW of commercial and utility-scale PV capacity installed as of 2020 is expected to be decommissioned by 2030. - Projected growth in solar expected to quadruple and most is expected to be utility/commercial land based solar. - Policy design is important.

Solar decommissioning policies in the United States vary by federal, state, and local jurisdiction. The BLM requires a solar facility right-of-way (ROW) holder to submit a decommissioning plan and proof of financial security to support decommissioning costs. Fifteen states have also enacted.

Significant planning is required prior to commencing a power plant demolition project. It is important for the project team undertaking power plant demolition to understand the requirements and obtain a detailed understanding of the potential hazards, structural systems and environmental conditions that are presented to help select.

Solar PV power generation facilities using a certain number of acres must provide a decommissioning plan to accomplish the restoration of the site to a useful, nonhazardous condition. The plan must also include bonding or other security as the financial assurance. 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.

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.

Do power plants need a decommissioning plan?

For many newer power plants, including most wind and solar farms, decommissioning plans are developed and approved by local or state authorities, or both, before initial construction of the project. But for older power plants, decommissioning plans must in most cases be developed and implemented after decades of operations.

Do utilities have a plan for decommissioning onshore wind & solar PV?

In some regions, it appears that utilities and regulators have not adequately planned for these costs, which will ultimately be borne by shareholders, ratepayers, or taxpayers. The costs of decommissioning onshore wind and solar PV appear to be modest, but existing accounting protocols may underestimate these costs.

Who pays for decommissioning power plants?

Paying for Decommissioning in Regulated and Deregulated Regions The costs of decommissioning power plants are typically borne by one of two stakeholders: electricity consumers or generating companies (and their shareholders). In the unlikely case that plant owners go bankrupt, costs would ultimately fall to local, state, or federal taxpayers.

Do Solar Lease agreements include decommissioning terms?

When negotiating with landowners, solar developers sometimes include language related to decommissioning and site restoration in the lease agreement (Clark 2016). However, such language is not typically required by state or local regulations, and it is unclear how common decommissioning terms are in private lease agreements.

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