

Do PV power plants affect the climate in desert areas?

Based on the above research, it can be seen that PV power plants have a significant impact on air temperature and humidity, which in turn will affect the surface temperature and regulate the ecological environmental climate. Therefore, the impact of large-scale PV power plants on the climate in desert areas is worth a comprehensive study.

Can photovoltaic power plants be developed in the Gobi Desert?

Author to whom correspondence should be addressed. The global expansion of photovoltaic (PV) power plants, especially in ecologically fragile regions like the Gobi Desert, highlights the suitability of such areas for large-scale PV development.

How many MWh does Desert photovoltaic power use in 2021?

The global primary energy consumption is  $1.76 \times 10^{11}$  MWh in 2021 (26), which also means that based on the current energy demand, the volume of desert photovoltaic power is able to supply the world with energy. The power supply of deserts in the Middle East, East Asia, Australia, and North America is ranked in sequence.

Can desert photovoltaic power replace coal-fired power?

In the future carbon-neutral scenario, photovoltaic power from deserts is one of the optimal choices to completely replace coal-fired power (12). Large desert photovoltaic power stations have been successfully and repeatedly practiced in the world.

Why do desert areas need a photovoltaic system?

Desert areas benefit from high irradiation levels, and the photovoltaic power potential in these areas exceeds 2100 kWh/kWp. This means only a small area of desert covered by PV modules can potentially cover today's world's need for electricity, and this drives the major installation market to these areas. ... ..

Do desert solar farms produce solar power in four seasons?

For investigating diurnal and seasonal variations of solar radiation in deserts, a data set of high-resolution (3 h, 10 km) global surface solar radiation (1983 to 2018) (27) (Fig. S5) is used to differentiate the hour-by-hour power generation of desert solar farms in four seasons (Fig. S6).

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Solar energy can contribute to the attainment of global climate mitigation goals by reducing reliance on fossil

fuel energy. It is proposed that massive solar farms in the Sahara desert (e.g., 20% coverage) can produce energy enough for the world's consumption, and at the same time more rainfall and the recovery of vegetation in the desert.

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Solar photothermal power generation refers to the use of large-scale array parabolic or dish mirror to collect solar heat energy, through the heat exchange device to provide steam, combined with the traditional turbo-generator technology, so as to achieve the purpose of power generation. The cost of solar power generation can be greatly reduced ...

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Here we use state-of-the-art Earth system model simulations to investigate how large photovoltaic solar farms in the Sahara Desert could impact the global cloud cover and ...

Bhadla Solar Park in the Thar desert in India is one of the world's largest solar farms, housed in a landscape that's described as an inhospitable place to live because of its hot, sandy, and arid climate. It might be inhospitable for residential purposes, but has great potential for solar power. The 2.2GW plant consists of over 10 million PV panels sprawling across more ...

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This study focuses on the large-scale photovoltaic industrial park in the desert area of Gonghe County, China. By conducting field research, long-term monitoring, and experimental analysis ...

Given the huge power generation potential from desert PV stations, it would be greatly beneficial to global climate and the environment to construct a stable transcontinental ...

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In a harsh desert climate, where solar panels withstand extreme heat and UV exposure, the thermal camera is an invaluable diagnostic tool, ensuring these renewable energy facilities' long-term reliability and optimal operation.

The local imbalanced diurnal generation of photovoltaic energy can be made up by transcontinental power transmission from other power stations in the network to meet the hourly electricity demand ...

At present, the main research methods for the impact of photovoltaic power plants on the local climate and environment are model research, remote sensing parameter ...

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