

# Chile uses solar energy to pump seawater to generate electricity

Which Chilean hydropower plant will use solar power?

"Situated in the coastal area of Caleta San Marcos, 100km south of Iquique, it will be the first Chilean hydropower plant to use solar power to perform operations." An environmental assessment has been performed by Valhalla and the environmental impact study (EIA) for the project has been approved.

How will a seawater power plant work?

The power plant will be equipped with three reversible turbines, each producing 100MW of power. During the day, the hydraulic pumping station will lift the seawater into reservoirs using solar energy from Cielos de Tarapaca. The seawater will then be released through tunnels to produce electricity at night.

What is the Chilean hydro project?

The project, which will be built at an unspecified location in Chile's Andes region, will combine a pumped hydro storage station that uses saltwater with a desalination system to be powered by wind and solar.

Is there an alternative to solar energy in Chile?

Chile has begun to explore an alternative. Both Cerro Dominador and the Alba Project are powered by so-called solar salts, extracted from the Atacama Desert, composed of potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate. When melted and kept in a liquid state, they allow energy to be stored.

Will Chile replace coal plants with solar thermal plants?

As coal plants are eliminated, Chile intends to replace them with solar thermal plants or convert them into batteries like the Alba Project. The solar thermal tower Cerro Dominador has become a symbol of Chile's energy revolution against climate change.

How much energy does Chile produce?

"It was seen as something ambitious and it has already been surpassed." Today 35.4 per cent of the energy generated in Chile is wind and solar, and 37.2 per cent comes from water sources in the National Electric System (SEN), which covers the vast majority of demand. Oil, coal and gas represent 26.9 per cent.

Valhalla claims Chile's unique coastal geography makes it an ideal location for a solar and hydropower plant. During the day, the plant will use solar power to move seawater up a tunnel to the top of a mountain, where the ...

Located in the heart of Chile's Atacama desert, the Espejo de Tarapacá project will combine solar power with seawater-driven hydropower to create a 24/7, non-intermittent stream of renewable energy.

While it is possible to produce hydrogen to power fuel cells by extracting the gas from seawater, the electricity

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The world's first pumped hydro storage project is being developed in Chile, using solar energy to push seawater up a cliff. Wind power has long been stored using pumped hydro. When there is too much wind that ...

The company was first envisioned in 2014, inspired by the challenge of delivering cost-effective energy storage to help manage the growing supply of solar energy in California. In 2015, Oceanus Power & Water was formed to pursue the ...

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