

Do states need a new energy storage policy?

As states increasingly declare decarbonization goals, they will need to create new policies, rules and regulations that will enable the deployment of an unprecedented amount of energy storage, according to the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA), which just released its States Energy Storage Policy: Best Practices for Decarbonization report.

What are the different types of energy storage policy?

Approximately 16 states have adopted some form of energy storage policy, which broadly fall into the following categories: procurement targets, regulatory adaption, demonstration programs, financial incentives, and consumer protections. Below we give an overview of each of these energy storage policy categories.

Does state energy storage support decarbonization?

A recent report from the Clean Energy States Alliance highlights best practices, identifies barriers, and underscores the need to expand state energy storage policymaking to support decarbonization in the United States. Decarbonization is the move away from fossil fuel resources and toward renewable energy.

Which states have set policy for energy storage deployment?

At the time the study was conducted, 22 states (plus the District of Columbia) adopted decarbonization goals, however, not all have set policy for energy storage deployment. California and New York are cited as examples of states with "very advanced and sophisticated policy measures". Many others are beginning to assess energy storage policy needs.

Are solar PPAs viable?

Solar PPAs are also viable when the solar project is not located on a government property, but the government receives the delivered electricity output. These so-called "Off-site" PPAs are popular with large energy users with insufficient space to host large solar arrays. A PPA is typically 15 to 30 years long.

How do I prepare for a PPA or self-ownership of solar?

To prepare for a PPA or self-ownership of solar (or solar + battery storage) project, EECBG Program awardees will need to identify government departments that should be consulted about solar installation projects, such as facilities/public works; finance; legal; procurement; sustainability; and economic development.

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