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This report provides data and analysis of the land use associated with U.S. utility-scale ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) and concentrating solar power (CSP) facilities.

Research from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory shows that the entire U.S. could be powered by utility-scale solar occupying just 0.6% of the nation's land mass. A utility-scale solar power plant ...

To put it into perspective an area the size of Spain located in the north of Australia covered in solar panels could produce enough power to supply the world with clean power.

Utility scale solar power plants require a significant amount of land due to the number of solar panels required. Modern plants require 5 to 15 acres per MW of capacity.

We use ArcGIS to draw polygons around satellite imagery of each plant within our sample and to calculate the area occupied by each polygon.

The direct area comprises land directly occupied by solar arrays, access roads, substations, service buildings, and other infrastructure. We quantify and summarize the area impacted, recognizing that ...

Our polygons focus on the area directly occupied by the arrays (and any associated nearby equipment, such as inverter pads) - NOT on the total leased or owned area of the site

Extensive Land Use: The project would require about 13,490 hectares (33,355 acres) of land for the solar panels. High Initial Investment: The total estimated cost is around \$24.4 billion,...

Solar farms take up space, and on average, they need between 5 to 10 acres of land for every megawatt of power they generate. This means a 100 MW solar farm could require anywhere ...



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To power the entire United States with solar energy, a relatively small area of about 100 miles by 100 miles in states like Nevada, Texas, or Utah would suffice.

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