

What is operation & maintenance (O&M) of photovoltaic (PV) systems?

This guide considers Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of photovoltaic (PV) systems with the goal of reducing the cost of O&M and increasing its effectiveness. Reported O&M costs vary widely, and a more standardized approach to planning and delivering O&M can make costs more predictable.

Can hydrophobic-hydrophilic coating reduce soiling losses in solar PV systems?

Another O&M strategy is the hybrid hydrophobic-hydrophilic coating with an array of isolated hydrophilic circular rings that is proposed in Nayshevsky et al. (2019) to efficiently use condensation to create a self-cleaning glass surface for the purpose of tackling soiling losses in solar PV systems while also reducing cleaning costs.

Which PV systems are grid connected in Hong Kong?

as below: Standalone Systems Grid-connected PV Systems Hybrid PV systems Most of the PV systems in Hong Kong are grid connected. Grid-connected PV systems shall meet grid connection

Are O&M methods used solely for solar PV systems?

Several researches, literatures and institutional body reports (e.g., NREL and Electric Power Research Institute EPRI) that are focused on O&M methods adopted solely for solar PV systems (D'Aliento et al. 2017) have been published (Abubakar et al. 2021).

What causes degradation of PV modules?

In literature, several factors have been reported that may be responsible for the degradation of PV modules. In high irradiation and high-altitude desert regions, the main mechanisms are 1) the high UV radiation present in the solar spectrum, and 2) the temperature oscillations that could cover in a day from -10°C to 30°C.

How to control a dead plant in a solar PV system?

Cutting or herbicide spraying is the common way to control the vegetation. It should be applied in a proper way without spraying the PV modules. If it occurs, the modules can be washed off with water. After some days, once the vegetation is dead (Figure 18), it should be pulled up by the roots and the waste should be treated accordingly.

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