



# Government photovoltaic panel policy

How do government policies help promote solar energy deployment?

At the federal level, several key policies, programs, and regulations help promote solar energy deployment. Many of these policies help reduce the capital costs associated with developing new solar projects, making solar a more attractive option for communities across America.

Will EPA add solar panels to Universal Waste Regulations?

On October 23, 2023, EPA announced a new rulemaking effort to improve the recycling and management of end-of-life solar panels and lithium batteries. EPA is developing a proposed rule to add solar panels to the universal waste regulations and to add tailored universal waste standards for lithium batteries.

Are solar panels regulated at end of life?

Find information here about different types of solar panels and how they are regulated at end of life. If you are disposing of solar panels that are hazardous waste, then regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) must be followed to make sure the panels are safely recycled or disposed of. On this page:

Who regulates solar energy?

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), an independent agency that regulates power markets. The Solar Energy Technologies Office, which oversees the solar-related programs and activities at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The U. S. Energy Information Administration, which provides comprehensive data on U.S. energy markets.

Are solar panels a hazardous waste under RCRA?

If these metals are present in high enough quantities in the solar panels, solar panel waste could be a hazardous waste under RCRA. Some solar panels are considered hazardous waste, and some are not, even within the same model and manufacturer.

Does Massachusetts have a solar photovoltaic program?

As Massachusetts has a strong existing solar photovoltaic industry, the initiatives offered under the SFA Program are designed to leverage federal funding and existing Massachusetts programs, such as the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target program and Mass Save.

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