

Why did NV Energy shut down a power plant?

The first three months of 2019 (January, February and March) showed good progression, topping all previous monthly data, but in April the plant was shut down because the project's sole buyer, NV Energy, terminated the Power Purchase Agreement for failure to produce the contracted power production.

What type of land is used for PV power stations?

The land used for PV power stations was mainly converted from four land cover types: Gobi Desert, sandy land, sparse grassland, and moderate grassland. The central government policy on facilitating clean energy played a major role in driving the rapid expansion of PV parks across the country.

Why are PV power stations growing in China?

Energy policies are the main factor driving the rapid development of PV power stations in China (Fig. 10 a) (Yang et al., 2020). Since 2004, China's PV production has experienced tremendous growth due to the dramatic increase in demand for PV in European countries and reached number one in the world in 2007 (Xu, 2016).

Why is northwestern China considered China's future energy base?

Northwestern China is deemed as China's future energy base (Wu et al., 2014) because of its high solar radiation potential. For example, compared with land-scarce eastern China, Northwestern China has abundant land resources and low development costs.

Can remote sensing be used to map PV power stations?

To fill the gap, this study proposes an integrated remote sensing approach for PV power stations mapping by combining image segmentation and object-based classification (ISOC) techniques. We took five northwestern provinces of China as an illustration and produced 30-m medium-resolution PV power station distribution maps from 2007 to 2019.

Do PV power stations affect arid ecosystems?

In the short term, the construction of the PV power stations can disrupt the vegetation cover and the inherent biological soil cleansers, thereby exacerbating land degradation in arid ecosystems (Wu et al., 2014).

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