

Molten salt tower solar thermal power generation

Are molten salt towers the next-generation technology for solar thermal power?

Mark Mehos, thermal systems group manager at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), says molten salt towers akin to SolarReserve's are "the next-generation technology" for solar thermal power. Plants without storage may never be able to compete with PV, says Mehos.

What is molten salt storage in concentrating solar power plants?

At the end of 2019 the worldwide power generation capacity from molten salt storage in concentrating solar power (CSP) plants was 21 GWh el. This article gives an overview of molten salt storage in CSP and new potential fields for decarbonization such as industrial processes, conventional power plants and electrical energy storage.

How much power does molten salt tower produce?

However, it still achieved the complete annual cumulative power generation of 158GWh, and became the first Molten Salt Tower CSP Plant in the world whose annual actual power generation exceeded the annual designed power generation.

What is molten salt tower CSP plant?

SUPCON SOLAR Delingha 50MW Molten Salt Tower CSP Plant, one of China's CSP demonstration projects. The power plant has 50MW of installed capacity with 7-hour molten salt storage system.

How much power does supcon molten salt tower generate?

From August 6, 2021 (after the completion of the steam turbine rectification) to August 5, 2022, the total annual cumulative actual power generation of the SUPCON SOLAR Delingha 50MW Molten Salt Tower CSP Plant was 158GWh, reaching 108% of...

What does molten salt do in solar power towers?

Molten salt stored in the towers functions as a thermal battery, storing excess heat during the day and releasing it to keep the generators running continuously, according to CGTN. China started exploring solar thermal power in 2016, and this new project, with its dual-tower design, is taking it a step further.

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