



National measures to encourage solar power generation

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.

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.

How can local governments encourage solar energy growth?

Local governments have many tools at their disposal to encourage solar energy growth. At the same time, decisions made at the federal and state levels set the context for local action and help communities choose the most effective strategies for their jurisdictions.

How can state policies help grow solar energy?

Many policies that advance the growth of solar energy are established at the state level. This can include state tax incentives for solar, which provide an additional tax benefit on top of the federal ITC. Other state policies, discussed below, can include:

What does the 'investing in America' Agenda mean for solar energy?

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- As part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced several new solar energy investments to cut home electricity bills and reduce local pollution.

Why is solar energy so important?

Fortunately, the solar resource dwarfs current and projected future electricity demand. In recent years, solar costs have fallen substantially, and installed capacity has grown very rapidly. Even so, solar energy today accounts for only about 1% of US and global electricity generation.

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