

How can on-site solar PV & energy storage improve sustainability?

To achieve sustainability goals while meeting the increasing electricity demands of electrification, organizations are pairing on-site solar PV generation with on-site energy storage. These systems, which are considered as "behind-the-meter" (BTM) systems, allow facilities to maximize the benefits of on-site renewable generation.

What are the benefits of an on-site solar PV system?

For the scenario represented in the graph, an on-site solar PV system allows the facility to reduce the amount of electricity drawn from the grid during the middle of the day. Increasing the amount of solar PV production on-site can provide additional cost and emission reductions and resiliency benefits for facilities.

Should solar PV production be reduced on-site?

Increasing the amount of solar PV production on-site can provide additional cost and emission reductions and resiliency benefits for facilities. However, the additional generation that can result from larger systems during peak daylight hours must be exported or managed through curtailment on-site.

Can on-site storage be used alongside solar PV?

If a utility restricts the exports from a facility to the grid, the use of on-site storage alongside solar PV can provide a solution to avoid costly infrastructure upgrades, thus increasing the feasibility of larger on-site PV installations.

How does a solar PV array affect net load?

Graph showing production from an on-site solar PV array, the charge/discharge of both a battery and thermal storage system, and their effect on the net load. The combination of storage types allows the facility to further reduce excess generation. Net Load (required from grid)

UK commercial and industrial solar specialist Atrato Onsite Energy has finalised a structured financing agreement with Barclays to support the expansion of its photovoltaic asset base.

The onsite energy technologies include battery storage, combined heat and power (CHP), district energy, fuel cells, geothermal, industrial heat pumps, renewable fuels, solar photovoltaics ...



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