

<div class="df_qntext">Could repurposing abandoned mines be a solar hub?

Solar farms often compete with agriculture and ecosystems, but repurposing abandoned mines could offer a solution. We assess global open-pit mining sites as potential solar hubs, analysing their technical feasibility and deployment timelines under diverse future scenarios.

<div class="df_qntext">Should PV systems be integrated with abandoned land in open-pit mines?

In this context, integrating PV systems with abandoned land in open-pit mines offers a mutually beneficial solution that can enhance land use while promoting renewable energy generation. This approach avoids encroaching on productive land and leverages the existing mining infrastructure.

<div class="df_qntext">Could repurposing abandoned mines reduce land conflicts?

Provided by the Springer Nature SharedIt content-sharing initiative Climate action requires rapid scaling of solar energy while minimizing land conflicts. Solar farms often compete with agriculture and ecosystems, but repurposing abandoned mines could offer a solution.

<div class="df_qntext">Why should solar projects be supported in mining sites?

This support has effectively enhanced local engagement and accelerated the integration of solar projects with ecological initiatives, such as desertification control and mine management. (4) Innovating PV application models at mining sites can provide additional benefits.

<div class="df_qntext">Can pumped storage power stations be built at abandoned mines?

The construction of pumped storage power stations at abandoned mines or with mines as upper or lower reservoirs is clearly a new approach for the further development of PS power stations, and it supports the complete utilization of mine resources. The development and application prospects of this approach are very broad.

<div class="df_qntext">Does mining affect solar power generation?

Both scenarios have a minimal impact on solar power generation and show a close alignment with the reference case, which includes 47,390 mines (76.7% utilization), using 100% of stable mines, 30.5% of active mines and 37.0% of greening mines (Supplementary Fig. 1a).

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Therefore, considering the reutilization of abandoned mines, this paper constructs an integrated abandoned mine pumped storage/wind power/photovoltaic system. By establishing the ...

The growing number of closed and abandoned mines worldwide has resulted in extensive areas of pits, waste dumps, tailings ponds, and subsidence zones.⁴ These degraded lands, ...

To improve the utilization rate of abandoned mine space and enhance the stability and reliability of renewable energy generation, a wind-solar storage combined power generation system based on ...

Innovative technologies for sustainable post-mining solutions include the geothermal use of mine water and the pumped energy storage using the mine infrastructure, taking advantage of the ...

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