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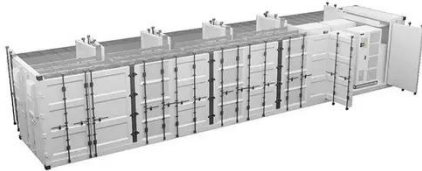


Overview

Experts estimate that cumulative solar panel waste could reach 5.5-6 million tonnes by the 2050s, representing approximately 4% of installed PV panels, based on an average panel lifespan of 30 years. The typical American home requires 15 to 25 solar panels to address 100% of its energy needs, and millions of households are making the switch. But as this solar revolution accelerates, a critical question emerges: What happens to these millions of panels when they reach the end of their 25- to 30-year lifespan? Five thousand tons of scrapped photovoltaic panels are being decommissioned today. While solar panels have an impressive lifespan of 25 to 30 years, the sheer volume of panels installed over the past two decades means we are on the cusp of a substantial increase in decommissioned modules. A 5 GW increase in installations. A study in the journal Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews suggests even higher global waste volumes between 1-2 million tons by 2050. There could be around 6 million tons.

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