

# Solar panels leaking from rural power generation

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## Overview

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Most photovoltaic (PV) panels have toxic substances like cadmium, lead, and selenium. The toxic substances leach into the soil and groundwater over time and cause damage to the environment, particularly if panels are damaged during storms or due to mishandling. Solar impacts on rural landscapes and the family farm As the push for clean energy clashes with the preservation of generational farmland, a farmer's struggle unfolds, revealing possible consequences of the solar energy boom on both the environment and traditional ways of life. We want to publish. While land leases generally offer protection for landowners so that farms can be reclaimed from the solar installations, in practice damage is already being done with remediation as long as 50 years in the future. This section addresses baseline environmental assessment prior to construction, stormwater management, leaching of metals from. Ground-based, utility-scale solar panel installations used for electricity generation of 1 MW or greater are commonly referred to as 'solar farms' (US Energy Information Administration, 2020). The purpose of the solar farm is to generate and sell electricity, therefore it is key that the.

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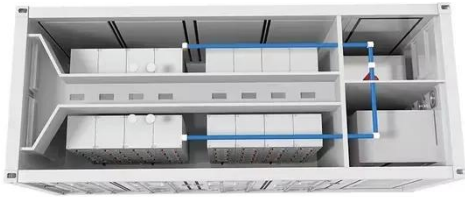


## Solar Power Depletes Farmlands of Rich Soil

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With solar farms, wind erosion can cause problems when wind-blown soil ends up on the surface of panels, reducing their electricity output and possibly leading to permanent damage.

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