

Is energy storage a viable option for utility-scale solar energy systems?

Energy storage has become an increasingly common component of utility-scale solar energy systems in the United States. Much of NREL's analysis for this market segment focuses on the grid impacts of solar-plus-storage systems, though costs and benefits are also frequently considered.

Why are energy storage systems important?

Energy storage systems,mostly large batteries, are important because they help store solar and wind power for use when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing. In 2025, over 31 GW of new storage capacity is expected to be built. California and Texas are the leaders in battery storage.

How many GW of new energy projects are coming to California?

PJM (Mid-Atlantic and Midwest): 7 GW of new projects,mostly solar. About 3 GW of fossil fuel plants will retire. CAISO (California): 10 GW of new capacity,including 6 GW of storage. MISO (Midwest): 11 GW of new capacity,mostly solar. Coal retirements are expected.

Is energy storage at a crossroads?

The Q1 2025 results demonstrate the demand for energy storage in the US to serve a grid with both growing renewables and growing load," said Allison Weis, global head of energy storage at Wood Mackenzie. "However, the industry stands at a crossroads, with potential policy changes threatening to disrupt this momentum."

What is NREL's energy storage research?

Much of NREL's current energy storage research is informing solar-plus-storage analysis. Energy storage plays a key role in a resilient, flexible, and low-carbon power grid.

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