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Social impact of energy storage projects





Overview

Flexible and available at any scale, energy storage offers a useful framework and starting point in a larger conversation around energy equity.1 Through the lens of energy storage deployment, stakeholders can imagine more broadly how improvements and investments in the grid can respond to social and health challenges and increase affordability, reliability, and community value leading to a more equitable, accessible, and sustainable energy future. What are the environmental impacts of energy storage technologies?

Environmental impacts will depend on the scale and the sub-type of each technology, but some of the common impacts included: Social research is generally sparse for energy storage technologies, but perceptions tend to be more favourable when a technology is associated with 'green' energy, or when it is seen to provide local jobs.

Why do we need energy storage technologies?

Energy storage technologies are needed to ensure continuous supply during periods of low renewable energy production. Energy can be stored in a variety of forms (such as thermal, chemical or potential energy), all of which could have potential environmental impacts during construction, deployment or decommissioning.

Are energy storage technologies safe?

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How many energy storage technologies are there?

Current deployment of the six energy storage technologies varies, with the technology being most advanced for battery energy storage systems and below ground hydrogen storage.



What are the benefits of geothermal energy projects?

Geothermal energy projects bring societal benefits such as improved education, living standards, and reduced healthcare issues for local communities [27, 34]. Quantitative Social Lifecycle Assessment (SLCA) is a methodology, which focuses on evaluating the social impacts associated with the life cycle of a product, service, or system.

What are the sociopolitical issues with hydropower projects?

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