

How to reduce the environmental burden of waste photovoltaic modules?

Exploring the optimal selection of recycling methods and refining the recycling processes to minimize the environmental burden of waste photovoltaic modules is a key area for future research. This contribution aims to support the sustainable development of clean energy technologies. 6.2. Sustainability indicators and policies

Why do we need a recycling process for photovoltaic modules?

Due to factors such as limited available recycling technologies and logistical challenges during transportation, the recycling of photovoltaic modules generally faces a situation of high costs and low returns. Therefore, further improvements are needed in the processes of waste PV module recycling.

Why is PV waste mass generation important?

Photovoltaic (PV) waste mass presents an environmental challenge while the PV installation rate is growing globally. Therefore, the assessment of PV waste mass generation is important for managing PV recycling and the refurbishment of wear-out modules. In this study, PV waste mass generation is projected for Recent Open Access Articles

How are waste PV modules managed?

There are different methods available to manage the waste PV modules, such as through reduction, refurbishing, recycling, incineration and disposal [16,17]. Globally, waste PV modules are either incinerated or disposed of in landfill, similar to the management of most waste.

How can governments improve the recycling of waste PV modules?

Policy optimization is another key area, and governments can guide the industry towards more sustainable practices by improving recycling standards and implementing incentive policies. The cost and profit of recycling are critical factors influencing the recycling of waste PV modules.

Are there regulatory frameworks for PV waste management?

Additionally, PV waste-related regulatory frameworks implemented in different countries are discussed. Recommendations to improve the EoL management of PV modules and trade-offs arising from conflicting solutions are proposed.

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