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Overview

Should pumped storage hydropower be decarbonized?

Bold decarbonization goals have propelled a rapid resurgence of interest in pumped storage hydropower in the US, given its ability to provide bulk energy storage, manage grid reliability, and support increasing integration of variable renewable energy sources.

What is pumped storage hydropower (PSH)?

Pumped storage hydropower (PSH) is an important energy storage technology at the heart of the water-energy nexus, a concept that recognizes the interconnections between water and energy sectors across space and time (Bazilian et al. 2011).

What percentage of energy is generated by hydropower?

In 2024, hydropower accounted for 24% of U.S. renewable electricity generation. Pumped Storage Hydropower (PSH) remains the largest contributor to U.S. energy storage. PSH represented roughly 96% of all commercial storage capacity in the United States in 2022. Hydropower's flexibility allows it to seamlessly integrate other energy sources.

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Is pumped storage hydropower a good idea?

Pumped storage hydropower development is rapidly resurging in the US, yet this energy storage technology has positive and negative impacts at different scales. Building projects that minimize trade-offs will require addressing environmental concerns and community interests in project design.

What is a Hydropower Program?

The program also seeks to better understand and capitalize upon opportunities for these technologies to support the nation's rapidly evolving grid as well as improve energy-water infrastructure and security. Hydropower is a reliable, renewable, domestic source of energy and provides enormous benefits to the country's grid.

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