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Overview

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BOSTON — The United States produced more than three times as much solar, wind and geothermal power in 2023 than we did in 2014, with growth in all 50 states, according to *Renewables on the Rise 2024*, an online dashboard unveiled on Wednesday by Environment America Research & Policy Center and.

In our latest Short-Term Energy Outlook, we forecast that wind and solar energy will lead growth in U.S. power generation for the next two years. As a result of new solar projects coming on line this year, we forecast that U.S. solar power generation will grow 75% from 163 billion kilowatthours.

This report explores how economic forces, public policy, and market design have shaped the development of stand-alone grid-scale storage in the United States. Grid-scale storage can play an important role in providing reliable electricity supply, particularly on a system with increasing variable.

The US clean electricity transition continued as wind and solar generated more than coal for the first time. Electricity demand growth sped up and solar generation rose more quickly than gas to help meet it. Wind and solar combined produced a record 17% of US electricity in 2024, overtaking coal at.

Though past studies have demonstrated that wind and solar generation provide substantial health and climate benefits, this research provides an important update: It accounts for recent changes in the electricity system (including the continued growth of wind and solar to provide over 30% of total.

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