



# Environmental impact assessment of waste photovoltaic panel landfill project





## Overview

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This study conducts a cradle-to-grave life cycle assessment (LCA) excluding the distribution and use phases of solar PVs using GaBi 8. A 4 MW DC solar farm was built on top of a landfill located in Rehoboth, MA. Photo by Lucas Faria / DOE This document is a joint publication of the U. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Land and Emergency Management and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). NREL. sure period for landfills is generally 30 years, restrictive covenants/deeds can be 50 years following EGLE MMD's approval of the land able restrictive covenant/deed for the proposed site and request waiver approvals from EGLE MMD, if allowed, for installation of PV so llation of PV solar arrays on. A Study Prepared in Partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency for the RE-Powering America's Land Initiative: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land and Mine Sites - National Laboratory of the Rockies Best Practices for Siting Solar Photovoltaics on Municipal Solid Waste. This section addresses baseline environmental assessment prior to construction, stormwater management, leaching of metals from panels, stray voltage concerns, radiation and electromagnetic fields, impacts to wildlife, and disposal or recycling of panels at the end of their useful life. Grid-scale. The rapid adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV) technology has raised concerns regarding its end-of-life (EoL) disposal after their 25-30-year lifespan. EPA and NREL created this document to provide assistance in addressing common technical challenges for siting solar.



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### [Best Practices for Siting Solar Photovoltaic \(PV\) on Municipal ...](#)

Solar PV Overview: Describes the types of PV technology currently sited on landfills, provides a brief overview of typical PV system components, and outlines estimated costs of PV technologies ...

### [Study on Photovoltaic Panels Supplementing the Impact ...](#)

Below, assumptions made on end-of-life photovoltaic panel quantities, environmental impacts, economic impacts and social impacts of the four scenarios examined for end-of-life photovoltaic panel recycling ...



### [Environmental Impacts of Grid-Scale Solar Development](#)

Grid-scale solar (GSS) arrays are a recent addition to the landscape, but photovoltaic technology and its potential environmental effects have been studied since the 1950s. There are ...

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To evaluate these concerns, screening-level risk assessment methods are developed herein that evaluate potential human health risks from groundwater and surface (air, soil, surface water)

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Michigan. The closure system for landfills is key to preventing migration of contamination and protecting human health and the environment. Closure of a landfill typically consists of an ...

### Are Solar Photovoltaic Modules Destined to Pile Up in Landfills?

nt growth trajectory will exceed 70 billion metric tons by 2050. Plastic waste will top 12 billion metri. tons, and electronic waste will approach 2 billion metric tons. PV module waste is forecast by researchers ...



### Best Practices for Siting Solar Photovoltaics on Municipal Solid Waste

The Environmental Protection Agency and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory developed this best practices document to address common technical challenges for siting solar photovoltaics (PV) ...

### Best Practices for Siting Solar



## Photovoltaics on Municipal Solid Waste

EPA and NREL created this document to provide assistance in addressing common technical challenges for siting solar photovoltaic (PV) on municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills.



## Assessing life cycle environmental impacts of solar photovoltaics in

This study conducts a cradle-to-grave life cycle assessment (LCA) excluding the distribution and use phases of solar PVs using GaBi 8.7 software, evaluating landfill, incineration, ...

## Managing photovoltaic Waste: Sustainable solutions and global

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