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Can a solar power system save CO<sub>2</sub> in cement industry?

Concentrated solar power system is designed for cement industry. Substitution of required thermal energy ranging from 100% to 50% is studied. 7600 heliostats with 570 ha land required for 50% conventional energy replacement with solar energy. Selected conventional cement plant could save 419 thousand tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.

Can a conventional cement plant be used for solar thermal applications?

A conventional cement plant (Kotputli Cement Works (KCW), an UltraTech Cement Limited manufacturing unit) at Kotputli, Jaipur, Rajasthan, was investigated for solar thermal application. According to Indian Minerals Yearbook 2020, the plant produced 2.37 million tons, while the production capacity of the plant is 4 million tons.

How can solar energy help cement production?

Growth in cement production consumes a considerable amount of coal for fulfilling the thermal energy requirement which ultimately produces a lot of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. So, there must be some renewable sources of energy like solar energy which can fulfill the thermal energy needs for cement production.

Can a solar cement plant run continuously?

There is no way that a solar cement plant can run continuously throughout the whole solar day. Therefore, several assumptions/constraints and modifications are considered and included in this model. The model is considered a solar calciner, constructed and tested at the German Aerospace Centre (DLR).

Global Cement regularly reports news stories on cement plants that are building photovoltaic solar power arrays. However, so far at least, energy storage projects at scale ...

On-site battery energy storage systems are an effective ...

On-site battery energy storage systems are an effective way to reduce cement facilities' electricity costs while also reducing carbon footprints.

This work aims at reviewing these novel applications. In particular, I will initially explore how rechargeable



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