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Will Tesla Solar power Ta'u in American Samoa?

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Does American Samoa have a solar microgrid?

The island of Ta'u in American Samoa now boasts a solar microgrid from Tesla's SolarCity. Join us in The People v. Climate Change and share an environmental portrait of someone taking positive steps to protect the Earth on YourShot or social media. Use #MyClimateAction to share a first-person perspective on how we as humans face climate change.

Does American Samoa have a geothermal energy plan?

The 2016 American Samoa Energy Action Plan identifies some geothermal resources, but none of these are viable for commercial electricity generation. The 2016 plan instead emphasizes the development of wind and solar power (Ness, Haase, and Conrad 2016). American Samoa is exploring opportunities for both offshore and onshore wind power generation.

Can American Samoa develop wind power?

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Does Samoa have an emergency energy conservation plan?

1979: The U.S. "Emergency Energy Conservation Act of 1979" requires the submission of an emergency energy conservation plan by each state or territory (Public Law 96-102, as amended). American Samoa adopted its Emergency Energy Conservation Plan in 1982 (see Chapter 5, Annex A of ASCA 12 for plan details).

What is a GRO in Samoa?

According to the American Samoa Governor's Office (2023a), the purpose of the GRO is to coordinate a holistic and comprehensive approach to the territory's future planning and development initiatives.

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Located on seven acres of land on the northern coast of the island, the system includes 5,328 solar panels, generating 1.410 megawatts of electricity.

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Ta'u, the easternmost of the Samoan islands, has just been equipped with a new microgrid with 1.4 megawatts of solar-generation capacity and six megawatt hours of battery storage.

The American Samoa Power Authority is close to getting started on a new photovoltaic project on Tutuila which will produce 20 megawatts of electricity.

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American Samoa's largest renewable energy facility is a 1.75-MW ground-mounted PV grid-connected system that is expected to replace over 175,000 gallons of ASPA diesel fuel

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