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Overview

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To reflect this difference, we report a weighted average cost for both wind and solar PV, based on the regional cost factors assumed for these technologies in AEO2023 and the actual regional distribution ...

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The objective of this study was to estimate current generation costs and technical assumptions that enable the

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