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Are solar panels a wetland impact?

In the past, the posts/pilings that are used to install solar arrays have not been considered a wetland impact that would require compensatory mitigation under the WCA. The reality is that solar arrays bring wetlands into non-aquatic use and may, or may not, negatively impact the wetland's quality or function.

What is Westlands solar park?

The 2.7GW Westlands Solar Park, one of the world's largest solar power plants, is being developed in the San Joaquin Valley in California, US. CIM Group in collaboration with Westside Holdings is developing the solar park in phases. The environmental impact assessment for the project was completed.

How important is wetland vegetative quality under solar panels?

Having baseline data about wetland vegetative quality under solar panels is beneficial to both regulators and developers. Regulators will have a scientific basis for making wetland impact determinations within their jurisdiction and developers will see more consistency across municipalities during the permitting process.

Should solar panels be installed on posts/pilings in wetlands?

To help local governments evaluate the potential impacts to a wetland's function and value, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) issued guidance that provides a suggested approach for evaluating projects when they involve the installation of solar panels on posts/pilings in wetlands.

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Solar development allows some continued agricultural activity outside of state-regulated wetlands in addition to restoring and enhancing existing wetlands that will persist underneath the solar ...

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Integrating solar panels into this urban wetland setting maximizes the use of available space without disrupting valuable habitats. Furthermore, the educational component ...

Evaluating solar panel effects on wetlands reveals important insights for preserving natural habitats and promoting green energy.

The general permits would cover actions such as installing access roads, constructing buried or overhead power collection lines, clearing vegetation for solar panel ...

New York needs wetlands to protect against the flooding from extreme weather events. And New York needs renewable energy projects in order to reduce our emissions and ...

Building a solar farm requires -- at minimum -- a sunny spot with willing landowners, easy access to the grid, and signoffs from local governments. It's getting harder ...

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservations ("DEC") has now proposed a draft general permit for Community-Scale Solar Energy Installations in State ...

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