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Silent container power plant in El Salvador



Overview

AES' Meanguera del Golfo solar plant—the first of its kind in Latin America—relies on enhanced solar-plus-battery storage technology to deliver uninterrupted, carbon-free electricity to isolated island communities and support economic growth in the Gulf of Fonseca region of El Salvador. When did El Salvador's EDP power plant start operating?

Despite the enormous challenges, including supply-chain disruptions, travel restrictions, airport closures, global financial volatility, and Salvadoran COVID-19 mitigation measures and regulations, the power plant began commercial operation in October 2022. EDP is a transformative investment in El Salvador's clean energy future.

How does electricity work in El Salvador?

From there, the gas powers 19 internal combustion engines and waste heat feeds one steam turbine. Two 230-kV electric transmission lines, one of which connects to the Central American Electrical Interconnection System, provides added grid reliability to the region and opens further opportunities for renewable energy in El Salvador.

How will EDP help El Salvador meet its climate goals?

In addition to meeting nearly one-third of El Salvador's energy demand, EDP is projected to help the country meet its climate goals by reducing carbon emissions by 600,000 tons annually. The project has also been a catalyst for job creation and growth in the country.

How much money is invested in El Salvador?

In total, the project represents an approximately \$1 billion investment in El Salvador. At least \$10 million will be invested in economic and social works during the term of the power purchase agreements, strengthening local communities with a more than \$500,000 investment per year.

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