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### What is CIGS based solar cells?

CIGS-based solar cells CIGS is used in thin-film PV modules and is a semiconductor compound that modifies CIS by replacing 15 % of indium with gallium to improve solar cell efficiency (Finke et al., 1996). CIGS mainly consists of Cu, Si, In, and Ga, which are potentially toxic.

### What are the environmental effects of PV solar energy?

Compared with fossil-based electrical power system, PV solar energy has significantly lower pollutants and greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions. However, PV solar technology are not free of adverse environmental consequences such as biodiversity and habitat loss, climatic effects, resource consumption, and disposal of massive end-of-life PV panels.

## How to reduce air pollution in solar panels?

Elimination of air pollution by governmental policies and measures is beneficial to increase surface solar radiation and, consequently, increasing the power generation of PV modules. In addition, reducing air pollution, especially the concentrations of particulate matter, would also decrease the soiling of PV modules.

#### Are solar cells harmful to the environment?

Insufficient toxicity and environmental risk information currently exists. However, it is known that lead (PbI 2), tin (SnI 2), cadmium, silicon, and copper, which are major ingredients in solar cells, are harmful to the ecosystem and human health if discharged from broken products in landfills or after environmental disasters.

## Are CIGS based solar cells toxic?

Toxicity of perovskite, silicon, CdTe, and CIGS based solar cells were investigated. Potential leaching compounds from solar cells were reviewed. The environmental impacts of leaching compounds/ingredients should be determined. Photovoltaic (PV) technology such as solar cells and devices convert solar energy directly into electricity.

## Do air pollution and soiling affect solar PV power generation?

Overall, both air pollution and soiling have a significant impacton solar PV power generation. Previous studies have reviewed the related works on the soiling of solar PV modules, for example, Ilse et al. provided an overview of soiling processes on PV modules from microscopic and macroscopic levels.

Model calculations by researchers show that if China fought smog more aggressively, it could massively increase solar power production.

Our results reveal that, with no cleaning and precipitation-only removal, PV generation in heavily polluted and desert regions is reduced by more than 50% by PM, with soiling accounting for more...

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Studies included pristine solar cells and solar cells subjected to mechanical damage under natural weather conditions in Denmark.

Utilising solar energy improves both human health and the environment by reducing smog production, acid rain, and the release of hazardous chemicals into the atmosphere. Water resource conservation: Solar energy systems only need a little amount of water, unlike fossil fuel power plants, which need large volumes for cooling and other ...

These pollutants contribute to acid rain, smog, and respiratory problems. These emissions can be significantly curtailed by adopting solar technology, leading to improved air quality. 3. Mitigating Particulate Matter. Particulate matter, tiny ...

Results indicate that solar energy production is currently reduced by  $\sim$ 17-25% across these regions, with roughly equal contributions from ambient PM and PM deposited on photovoltaic surfaces. Reductions due to ...

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