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Ecuador container power generation



Overview

Is there a potential for electricity generation in Ecuador?

Based on what has been described, it is identified that there is a high potential for electricity generation in Ecuador, especially the types of projects and specific places to start them up by the central state and radicalize the energy transition.

Will Ecuador get a nuclear power plant?

In May 2025, Ecuador became a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The next step is to enact the legal framework to oversee and regulate nuclear energy. Only after the legal framework is in place could the Energy Ministry issue a public procurement for the first nuclear power plant in Ecuador.

What is the generation capacity of Ecuador in 2020?

In Ecuador for the year 2020, the generation capacity registered in the national territory was 8712.29 MW of NP (nominal power) and 8095.25 MW of PE (Effective power). The generation sources are presented in Table 1. Table 1.

How is energy used in Ecuador?

Total energy supply (TES) includes all the energy produced in or imported to a country, minus that which is exported or stored. It represents all the energy required to supply end users in the country.

Does Ecuador rely on hydropower?

Ecuador's reliance on hydropower for electricity generation makes the country's power sector vulnerable to droughts and low water levels during the dry season, which generally runs from October to March each year. To compensate, Ecuador currently relies on oil-fired plants for non-hydroelectric power generation.

When will Ecuador start constructing a solar power plant?

In 2023, the Energy Ministry released tenders for a 500 MW renewable block (wind, biomass, solar), 400 MW Natural Gas Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCCP), and a Northeast Transmission System to supply the Ecuadorian oil system. From these tenders, only the Villonaco project has started construction as of August 2025.

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