

Thermal energy storage (TES) refers to heat that is stored for later use--either to generate electricity on demand or for use in industrial processes. Concentrating solar-thermal power (CSP) plants utilize TES to increase flexibility so they can ...

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