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# 500kWh Chilean Mobile Energy Storage Container for Rural Use

Why is Chile pursuing energy storage in Antofagasta?

Chilean president Gabriel Boric (centre) at the inauguration of an energy storage plant in the northern region of Antofagasta in April 2024. Chile has strong conditions for wind and solar energy, and is pursuing storage to help overcome intermittent supply (Image: Ximena Navarro /Dirección de Prensa, Presidencia de la República de Chile)

How many energy storage projects are in Chile?

Currently, 36 of the 129 large-scale projects in Latin America with an energy storage component under development are in Chile, including 32 out of 71 of the region's early works projects. The storage technologies either in use or being considered include:

How much battery storage capacity does Chile have?

According to data from Acera, the Chilean Renewable Energy Association, there are only 64 MW of battery storage capacity currently active, representing 0.2% of national capacity. AES Andes, a subsidiary of U.S. company AES Corp. operates all 64 MW at their Angamos and Los Andes substations.

Where are Chile's battery energy storage facilities located?

Chile's first battery energy storage projects were commissioned in 2009, and all but two of its 16 administrative regions have facilities in operation, under construction or in the planning stage. The greatest installed capacity is found in the northern regions of Antofagasta and Tarapacá, the country's solar powerhouses.

Chilean president Gabriel Boric (centre) at the inauguration of an energy storage plant in the northern region of Antofagasta in April 2024. Chile has strong conditions for wind ...

Chile will need new renewable energy storage systems to replace its current backup capacity of coal-fired plants and natural gas-powered combined cycle turbines and ...

The Chilean energy transition is facilitated by a rare confluence of factors: widespread political consensus, partnerships between public and private entities, and the ...

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