GSW60074: A Comprehensive Assessment of Hydro Pump Storage in Abandoned Mines

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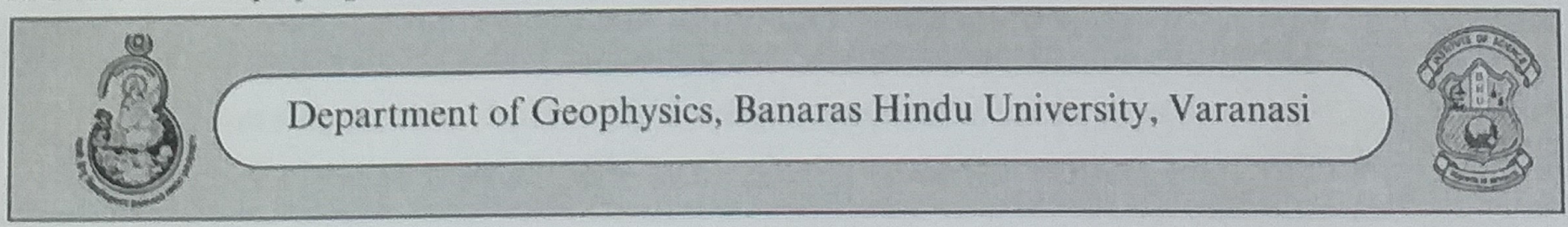
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Abstract

Hydro pump storage technology is of utmost importance in the energy sector, particularly with the growing integration of renewable energy sources. The objective of this review paper is to delve into the ground-breaking idea of repurposing abandoned mines for hydro pump storage projects. Through a thorough examination of existing literature, case studies, and technical reports, this review offers a comprehensive analysis of the viability, obstacles, and consequences associated with utilizing mine sites for energy storage infrastructure. The assessment commences by presenting a comprehensive perspective on hydro pump storage technology and its importance in the wider scope of renewable energy integration. Subsequently, it delves into an investigation of triumphant instances where hydro pump storage initiatives have been executed in abandoned mines. By means of meticulous evaluations of these initiatives, encompassing technical particulars, capabilities, and accomplished results, the assessment clarifies the practicalities and possibilities of such undertakings. A critical aspect examined is the geological assessment necessary to determine the suitability of mine sites for hydro pump storage projects. This involves a thorough scrutiny of geological criteria and characteristics that significantly influence the feasibility and success of deploying these storage systems within mine environments. Technical implementation and



infrastructure considerations are then detailed, shedding light on the intricacies of system design, equipment requisites, and the challenges inherent in adapting mine sites for energy storage purposes. Environmental impacts and social implications, including discussions on stakeholder engagement and community perceptions, are carefully evaluated to understand the broader impact of these projects.Economic viability and cost analyses form a pivotal segment of this review, providing an assessment of the financial feasibility of implementing hydro pump storage projects within abundant mines. This analysis includes comparisons with other energy storage technologies and traditional hydro pump storage facilities to ascertain their relative advantages and cost-effectiveness.Moreover, regulatory challenges, policy implications, and the requisite legal frameworks for successful implementation are addressed. The review navigates through these aspects to provide insights into the regulatory landscape and the policy considerations that impact the implementation of hydro pump storage projects in mine sites.Looking towards the future, this review offers perspectives on innovations, lessons learned, and recommendations for advancing hydro pump storage projects in abundant mines. It aims to provide a comprehensive analysis that not only highlights the potential of repurposing mines for energy storage but also addresses the challenges and offers insights into the future development of this emerging field.In conclusion, this review article compiles diverse aspects related to hydro pump storage projects in deserted mines, offering insightful viewpoints and prospects for advancing energy storage and incorporating renewable sources.

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