

# North Korea Hydropower Energy Storage Project





## Overview

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With its capital Pyongyang experiencing chronic power shortages, the nation is doubling down on energy storage hydropower stations – a hybrid solution combining traditional hydropower with modern storage tech. Does North Korea have a hydropower policy?

Kim dictated the policy during a visit to Jagang (Chagang) Province, and the region has continually been held up since then as an example for the country to follow. Today, the construction of smaller-scale hydropower stations is the main focus of North Korea's electric generation sector, and numerous projects are taking place across the country.

How did North Korea's hydropower policy change during the Kim Jong il era?

In the previous installment in this series on electrical power generation in North Korea, we looked at how the country's shifting hydropower policy had, at the end of the Kim Jong Il era, moved away from mega dams to smaller stations installed as a series of cascades on rivers.

How does North Korea generate electricity?

Today, the construction of smaller-scale hydropower stations is the main focus of North Korea's electric generation sector, and numerous projects are taking place across the country. Based on state media reporting, the power being generated is largely used in the region around each power station, helping to even out national power differences.

How does a power station work in North Korea?

The No. 2 station feeds from the water that flows through the dam and the larger station, and this arrangement, according to North Korean media, means it “can operate a generator even in the dry season by using the water from the army-people power station and mountain streams.”



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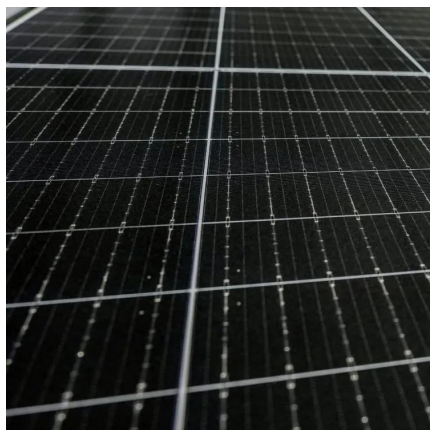


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