

# IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON SOLAR RESOURCE: A REVIEW OF PROJECTIONS, UNCERTAINTIES AND PERSPECTIVES

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