

# ABANDONED SHAFTS AND TUNNELS PUMPING WATER STORAGE



How can abandoned mine facilities be used to generate energy? Finally, a CAES plant could be established, using the upper mine galleries for underground air storage; the fact that Lieres is a ???dry mine??? is ideal for this type of system. Thus, the abandoned mine facilities are efficiently used to generate both electrical and thermal renewable energy. Fig. 5.



Are underground pumped storage power plants a viable solution? Therefore, Underground Pumped Storage Power Plants (UPSP), as first introduced in the early 20th century by Fessenden, offer a viable solution that capitalizes on the utilization of abandoned underground spaces and effectively circumvents topographical constraints and limitations associated with surface footprint [5,12].



What structures can be used as lower reservoirs in abandoned mines? Typical structures in abandoned mines that can be used as lower reservoirs are often manifolds of tunnels with sidearms, bifurcations and dead-end passages, forming either a fish-grid network of branches or ring-type roadways.



Can an abandoned mine be converted into a lower reservoir? Although risks associated with underground cavity project and hydropower plants are well known, there is currently no successful project that converts an abandoned mine into a lower reservoir for a UPSP.



Can abandoned mines be used for energy storage? Closed mines can be used for the implementation of plants of energy generation with low environmental impact. This paper explores the use of abandoned mines for Underground Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage (UPHES), Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) plants and geothermal applications.

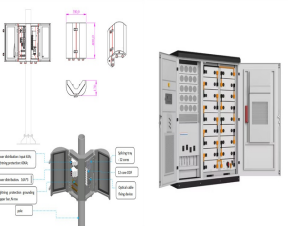
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What are closed mines used for? Closed mines can be used for underground energy storage and geothermal generation. Underground closed mines can be used as lower water reservoir for UPHES. CAES systems store energy in the form of compressed air in an underground reservoir. The geothermal use of water from a mine allows heating and cooling nearby buildings.



A "sinking pump" is used when pumping is necessary to drain the excess water logged in the shaft. The pump must be disconnected and hoisted up before commencing blasting. Pumping of water from the tunnel shaft 5. Raising. If the ???



To prevent build-up of high air pressures in the network of tunnels during the water filling process it is necessary to excavate ventilation shafts. In this paper, fluid dynamics and ???



Specification clauses for shaft construction and breakouts from shafts can be found in the BTS Specification for Tunnelling (2010). For small-diameter shafts in the range up to 4m, full-circle segmental rings are available ???



Innovative technologies for sustainable post-mining solutions include the geothermal use of mine water and the pumped energy storage using the mine infrastructure, taking ???

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While some mining rehabilitation projects are expensive attempts to regenerate the land damaged by mining, other efforts are finding new uses for abandoned mine shafts. From a ???17m EU initiative to pump water back to the ???



The operation of PHES consists of storing large quantities of electricity in gravitational potential form by pumping water between two reservoirs located at different altitudes [13]. Regarding the



The network of tunnels of a mine facility has an unusual geometry for a water storage 16 system. Although there are numerous studies for the construction of UPSH plants, until now there have ???

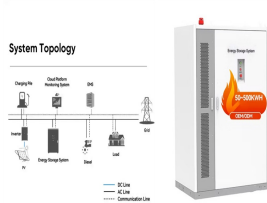


Download scientific diagram | Typical scheme of shafts and tunnels network in coal mines from publication: Underground pumped-storage hydro power plants with mine water in abandoned coal mines



The Water-Mining project will run for four years, from 1 September 2020 until 31 August 2024. UK Startup Gravitricity targets abandoned mine shafts for energy storage. Disused mine shafts around the UK could also be used as ???

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Additionally, water storage is generally located in the void space of the caving zone, which is composed of broken coal and rocks (Fig. 7); therefore, it is necessary to calculate the ???



For a pumping rate of 3.5 L s ??? 1, the simulations along 20 years predict a big drop of the temperature in the extracted water due to a short circuit effect between the injection and ???