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The stability and affordability of power from the new Ta'u microgrid, operated by American Samoa Power Authority, provides energy independence for the nearly 600 residents of Ta'u. The battery system also allows the island to use stored solar energy at night, meaning renewable energy is available for use around the clock.

In American Samoa, a microgrid solar facility amounting to 1.4 MW on the island of Ta'u was used as a proof of concept for low-carbon energy self-sufficiency designed for the unique challenges presented by renewable energy installation and operation in the Pacific islands.

The island of Ta'u in American Samoa once relied on diesel fuel to supply electricity. Residents experienced consistent power rationing and outages, and key services like hospitals and schools hinged on infrequent fuel imports. [1] Now, the island runs on a completely renewable microgrid that meets 100% of residents' energy needs through ...

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The microgrid is intended to eliminate the island's reliance on costly diesel generators by providing 72 hours of full power from a solar array that recharges with seven hours of sunlight.

The island of Ta'u in American Samoa, located more than 4,000 miles from the West Coast of the United States, now hosts a solar power and battery storage-enabled microgrid that can supply nearly 100 percent of the island's power needs from renewable energy. This provides a cost-saving alternative to diesel, removing the hazards of power intermittency and making outages a thing of the past. Watch promotional documentary on the following link - <https://v=VZjEvwrDXn0>



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