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Arizona No. 3 in US for solar installations

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Arizona ranked third in terms of solar installations during the first quarter, according to a report by the Solar Energy Industries Association.

Arizona trailed California and New Jersey after a reported 22 megawatts of power production were installed on residential and commercial buildings. The report indicated no utility-scale solar was installed in Arizona during the quarter.

The report was part of an overview that showed the U.S. solar industry as a whole doubling from 2009 to 2010, with the U.S. making up about 5.1 percent of the global market.

The report, however, states the U.S. market is likely to go beyond its traditional 5 percent to 7 percent share this year. The European market is cooling as lower incentives in Germany and Italy begin kicking in this year. The U.S. market has been heating up in recent years because a number of states, including Arizona, have passed renewable energy standards that require utilities to develop alternative power sources.

In the first quarter, the U.S. had more than 251 megawatts of solar installed, about 100 megawatts more than it had in the first quarter of last year.

Arizona saw an 83 percent increase in the number of megawatts installed, rising from 12 in the first quarter of 2010 to 22 in the current quarter.