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"We recently discovered that illuminating a solution of broadly absorbing nanoparticles dispersed in water results in vapor generation without the requirement of heating the fluid volume. Light-generated steam has direct applications in solar energy harvesting, where the goal is to produce steam that can be used in a variety of off-grid applications, well-suited to needs in both the developed and the developing world."



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