

## SolarMax Energy Systems

# Fire protection management for new energy storage projects



## Overview

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Fire protection requirements for energy storage equipment include: compliance with national and local codes, installation of appropriate fire suppression systems, continuous monitoring for thermal runaway, and routine maintenance and inspection. What are the fire and building codes for energy storage systems?

However, many designers and installers, especially those new to energy storage systems, are unfamiliar with the fire and building codes pertaining to battery installations. Another code-making body is the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Some states adopt the NFPA 1 Fire Code rather than the IFC.

What is an energy storage roadmap?

This roadmap provides necessary information to support owners, operators, and developers of energy storage in proactively designing, building, operating, and maintaining these systems to minimize fire risk and ensure the safety of the public, operators, and environment.

What is battery energy storage fire prevention & mitigation?

In 2019, EPRI began the Battery Energy Storage Fire Prevention and Mitigation – Phase I research project, convened a group of experts, and conducted a series of energy storage site surveys and industry workshops to identify critical research and development (R&D) needs regarding battery safety.

Why are building and fire codes important?

Before diving into the specifics of energy storage system (ESS) fire codes, it is crucial to understand why building and fire codes are so relevant to the success of our industry. The solar industry is experiencing a steady and significant increase in interest in energy storage systems and their deployment.

What happened at Gateway energy storage facility?

On May 15, 2024, Gateway Energy Storage Facility in San Diego, California, experienced a BESS fire with continued flare-ups for seven days following the fire. The facility held about 15,000 nickel manganese cobalt lithium-ion batteries.

Are there any problems with energy storage?

There have also been issues in the U.S. residential energy storage sector. For example, after five reported fires stemming from its RESU10 battery units, LG Chem issued product recalls in December of 2020 and again in August 2021. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, these fires resulted in property damage and one injury.

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### **Bridging the fire protection gaps: Fire and explosion risks in grid**

Techniques for explosion mitigation include vent gas characterization and full-scale testing, while fire mitigation involves active suppression systems or passive exposure protection.

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### **Four Overlooked BESS Project Requirements**

Fire is a risk for all energy projects and continues to be a point of emphasis with AHJs and other permitting authorities. Since BESS technology is so new, code requirements, ...

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### **Proactive First Responder Engagement for Battery Energy ...**

Entergy's Risk Management Fire Protection Engineers are engaged in the conceptual design aspects of all BESS projects. This ensures that related fire risks are adequately addressed ...

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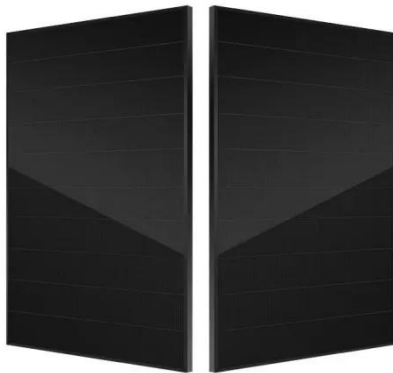
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## Bridging the fire protection gaps: Fire and explosion ...

Introduction The challenges of providing effective fire and explosion hazard mitigation strategies for Battery Energy Storage Systems ...

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## Managing fire risk Battery Energy Storage System

This fact sheet outline the measures we take to reduce the risk of a fire at our BESS facilities, and highlights the many ways that fire risk management is considered within the project's life-cycle.

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## Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

4 National Fire Protection Association, Battery Energy Storage Hazards and Failure Modes, December 3, 2021. white paper, "Laying the Foundation."5 In particular, CanREA recognizes ...

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## Fire Codes and NFPA 855 for Energy Storage Systems

Fire codes and standards inform energy storage system design and installation and serve as a backstop to protect homes, families, commercial facilities, and personnel, ...

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## Moss Landing fire prompts ACP to publish BESS Safety Blueprint

Large-scale battery fires are a hot topic,



especially since the Moss Landing fire. To help industry ensure best practices for lithium-ion-based battery energy storage (BESS) ...

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## Energy Storage in New York City

In contrast, all energy storage systems authorized for installation in New York must have undergone many stages of rigorous safety testing (e.g. UL certification), have required project ...

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## Understanding NFPA 855: Fire Protection for Energy ...

As energy storage systems become increasingly integral to the energy grid, it's essential that fire safety remains a top priority. NFPA 855 ...

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## Fire Suppression for Battery Energy Storage Systems

As demand for electrical energy storage systems (ESS) has expanded, safety has



become a critical concern. This article examines lithium ...

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## Battery Energy Storage Systems: Main Considerations for Safe

This webpage includes information from first responder and industry guidance as well as background information on battery energy storage systems (challenges & fires), BESS ...

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II. BACKGROUND The San Diego County



Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) currently employs a mix of local, state, and national codes and standards to review Battery Energy Storage System ...

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## After a High-Profile Fire, Battery Energy Storage ...

A clean-energy trade group's report offers safety guidelines for battery energy storage systems following a fire at one of the largest battery ...

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## How Advanced Solar Energy Management Systems Prevent ...

Fires, overheating, and system failures can pose serious risks, especially in large-

scale solar installations. Traditional Energy Management Systems (EMS) mainly track energy ...

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These initiatives have included creating a battery storage fire safety roadmap, developing recommendations and leading practices for designing systems, and training and working with ...

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