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Home Energy Storage System Safety







Overview

Home energy storage system safety performance (ESS), which are typically comprised of batteries to store electrical energy for later use, hinges on various factors including the technology used, installation and maintenance practices, and regulatory compliance. Are large-scale energy storage systems safe?

Large-scale energy storage systems pose a greater risk for property and life loss than smaller systems due to their size. NFPA 855 requires 3 ft of space between every 50 kWh of energy storage for safety. However, the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) can approve closer proximities for larger storage systems based on thermal runaway test results from UL 9540A.

What is a home energy storage system?

A home energy storage system consists of inverters, battery groups, and other energy storage components to create an uninterruptible power supply system for household consumers. This system combines renewable energy and implements load shifting to improve energy quality and bring economic benefits while reducing your electricity bills.

Why do we need energy storage systems?

Growing concerns about the use of fossil fuels and greater demand for a cleaner, more eficient, and more resilient energy grid has led to the use of energy storage systems (ESS), and that use has increased substantially over the past decade.

What is a battery ESS?

Battery ESS are the most common type of new installation and are the focus of this fact sheet. DID YOU KNOW?

Battery storage capacity in the United States is expected to more than double between 2022 and 2025 from 9.4 GW to 20.8 GW, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.



Do I need a sprinkler system for a battery ESS?

A: Testing has shown that water is the most efective agent for cooling for a battery ESS. For this reason, a sprinkler system designed in accordance with NFPA 13, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, is required by NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of Energy Storage Systems.

What happened at the McMicken battery energy storage system?

On April 19, 2019, a thermal runaway event followed by an explosion occurred at the McMicken Battery Energy Storage System in Surprise, Arizona. A fire captain, a fire engineer, and two firefighters sustained serious injuries. The walk-in structure housed a 2.16 MWh lithium-ion battery energy storage system.



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