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Fire resistance requirements for energy storage products in North America



Overview

Are battery energy storage systems safe?

Owners of energy storage need to be sure that they can deploy systems safely. Over a recent 18-month period ending in early 2020, over two dozen large-scale battery energy storage sites around the world had experienced failures that resulted in destructive fires. In total, more than 180 MWh were involved in the fires.

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.

How many MWh of battery energy were involved in the fires?

In total, more than 180 MWh were involved in the fires. For context, Wood Mackenzie, which conducts power and renewable energy research, estimates 17.9 GWh of cumulative battery energy storage capacity was operating globally in that same period, implying that nearly 1 out of every 100 MWh had failed in this way.¹

What is the NFPA 855 standard?

sometimes accompanied by explosions. The NFPA 855 standard, which is the standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage System provides the minimum requirements for mitigating the hazards associated with ESS. The NFPA 855 has been revised in 2023, in order to better identify which can lead to them.

What is an energy storage roadmap?

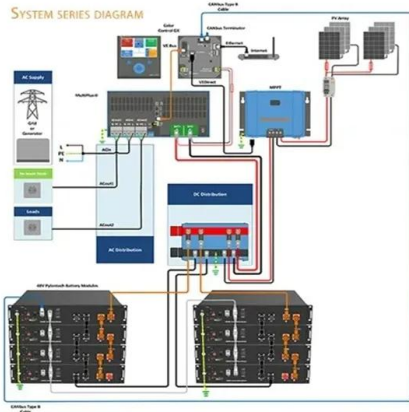
This roadmap provides necessary information to support owners, operators, and developers of energy storage in proactively designing, building, operating,

and maintaining these systems to minimize fire risk and ensure the safety of the public, operators, and environment.

Can water spray be used on high-voltage fire suppression systems?

Water spray has been deemed safe as an agent for use on high-voltage systems. Water mist fire suppression systems need to be designed specifically for use with the size and configuration of the specific ESS installation or enclosure being protected. Currently there is no generic design method recognized for water mist systems.

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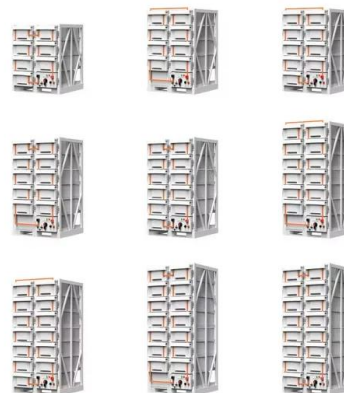


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