



New safety regulations for electrochemical energy storage will be issued





Overview

The 2026 edition of NFPA 855: Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems has now been released, continuing the rapid evolution of safety requirements for battery energy storage systems (BESS). The codes have been changing rapidly to keep up with the fire and explosion hazards of ESS, and although not outright adopted in most jurisdictions, NFPA 855 sets the standard for protection of ESS. The standard applies to all energy storage technologies and includes chapters for specific Chapter 9 and specific are largely harmonized with those in the NFPA 855 2023 edition. While BESS technology is designed to bolster grid reliability, lithium battery fires at some. Sandia National Laboratories is a multi-mission laboratory managed and operated by National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract.



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[Energy Storage Safety Codes, Standards, & Regulations \(CSRs\)](#)

Section 1207 - Electrical Energy Storage Systems (ESS) Continued language alignment with NFPA 855 - Scope section of 1207 reads, "Material based on NFPA 855 2023 Ed."

[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 installation ...



Energy Storage Systems (ESS) and Solar Safety

NFPA is keeping pace with the surge in energy storage and solar technology by undertaking initiatives including training, standards development, and research so that various stakeholders can safely ...

What's New in NFPA 855

The much-anticipated 2026 edition of NFPA 855: Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems was made available last Thursday, ahead of schedule.



[NFPA 855 \(2026 Edition\) -- What's New for Battery Energy Storage ...](#)

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Energy Storage Safety Strategic Plan

The Department of Energy Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability Energy Storage Program would like to acknowledge the external advisory board that contributed to the topic identification, ...



- LIQUID/AIR COOLING
- PROTECTION IP54/IP55
- PCS EMS
- BATTERY /6000 CYCLES

NFPA 855: Improving Energy Storage System Safety

The fire codes require ESS to be listed to UL 9540. For existing ESS that were not listed to UL 9540, NFPA 855 provides a measure of retroactivity, requiring the operator to provide an HMA and ...

[Five Departments Join Forces to Initiate](#)



the First Year of Safety for

Recently, the National Energy Administration and other five departments jointly issued the "Notice on Strengthening the Safety Management of Electrochemical Energy Storage".

12.8V 200Ah



National standard: safety regulations for electrochemical energy

The Safety Regulations for Electrochemical Energy Storage Power Stations were officially issued and will be implemented on July 1, 2023.

NFPA 855: Improving Energy Storage System Safety

An overview of NFPA 855, a standard that improves energy storage system safety. The 2026 edition of NFPA 855 updates safety and installation requirements for stationary energy storage systems (ESS), ...





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