

# The Importance of Fire Protection in Energy Storage Systems

Do fire departments need better training to deal with energy storage system hazards?

Fire departments need data, research, and better training to deal with energy storage system (ESS) hazards. These are the key findings shared by UL's Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI) and presented by Sean DeCrane, International Association of Fire Fighters Director of Health and Safety Operational Services at SEAC's May 2023 General Meeting.

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 is a battery storage system important?

The combination of high energy densities and flammable electrolytes puts high demands on associated fire protection systems. ? Statistics<sup>1</sup> show that electrical fires account for over 25% of major fire losses in industrial companies. ? The importance of Li-ion battery storage systems has increased dramatically in recent years.

Why is a comprehensive fire protection concept important?

Damaged reputation: even minor fire-related incidents may lead to a lack of confidence in the supplier (or the technology). comprehensive fire protection concept is therefore an essential pre-requisite in managing the inherent risks and ensuring business continuity.

Are energy storage systems flammable?

These systems combine high energy materials with highly flammable electrolytes. Consequently, one of the main threats for this type of energy storage facility is fire, which can have a significant impact on the viability of the installation.

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.

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Thermal runaway in lithium batteries results in an uncontrollable rise in temperature and propagation of extreme fire hazards within a battery energy storage system (BESS). It was ...

Overall, battery energy storage systems represent a significant leap forward in emergency power technology over diesel standby generators. In fact, the US saw an increase of 80% in the ...

The Swedish Solar Energy Federation (Svensk Solenergi) has launched a new guideline for fire protection in the installation of stationary batteries, an important step towards ...

Fire Protection To help prevent and control events of thermal runaway, all battery energy storage systems are installed with fire protection features. Common safety components include fire ...

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