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Overview

What are the different types of energy storage failure incidents?

Stationary Energy Storage Failure Incidents – this table tracks utility-scale and commercial and industrial (C&I) failures. Other Storage Failure Incidents – this table tracks incidents that do not fit the criteria for the first table. This could include failures involving the manufacturing, transportation, storage, and recycling of energy storage.

What happened at an Arizona energy storage facility?

In April 2019, an unexpected explosion of batteries on fire in an Arizona energy storage facility injured eight firefighters.

Are energy storage systems safe?

Around the globe energy storage systems are being installed at an unprecedented rate, and for good reasons. There are a lot of benefits that energy storage systems (ESS) can provide, but along with those benefits come some hazards that need to be considered.

What are stationary energy storage failure incidents?

Note that the Stationary Energy Storage Failure Incidents table tracks both utility-scale and C&I system failures. It is instructive to compare the number of failure incidents over time against the deployment of BESS. The graph to the right looks at the failure rate per cumulative deployed capacity, up to 12/31/2024.

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.

Are energy storage battery fires decreasing?

FACTS: Energy storage battery fires are decreasing as a percentage of deployments. Between 2017 and 2022, U.S. energy storage deployments increased by more than 18 times, from 645 MWh to 12,191 MWh¹, while worldwide safety events over the same period increased by a much smaller number, from two to 12.

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[BESS Failure Incident Database](#)

This table tracks other energy storage failure incidents for scenarios that do not fit the criteria of the table above. This could include energy storage failures in settings like electric transportation, recycling, manufacturing, etc.

How are energy storage batteries destroyed? , NenPower

In summary, energy storage batteries face multiple risks leading to their destruction, including improper disposal, deep discharge cycles, physical damage, overheating, incorrect charging practices, and electrolyte leakage.



Claims vs. Facts: Energy Storage Safety , ACP

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White Paper Ensuring the Safety of Energy Storage Systems

The potential safety issues associated with ESS and lithium-ion batteries may be best understood by examining a case involving a major explosion and fire at an energy storage facility in Arizona in April 2019, in which two first responders were seriously injured.

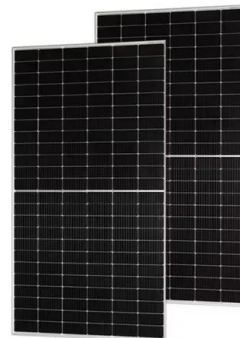


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Battery Energy Storage Hazards and Failure Modes

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Battery Hazards for Large Energy Storage Systems

Figure 1 depicts the various components that go into building a battery energy storage system (BESS) that can be a stand-alone ESS or can also use harvested energy from renewable energy sources for charging. The electrochemical cell is the fundamental component in creating a BESS.

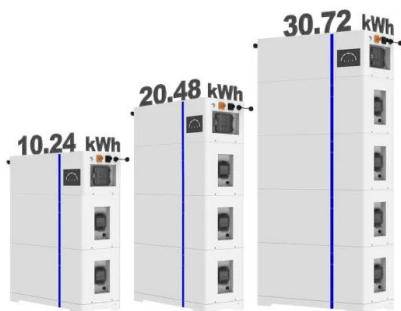


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Insights from EPRI s Battery Energy Storage Systems ...

The availability of root cause information starting in 2018 is an indication of both energy storage industry maturity as well as collective action and scrutiny on lithium ion BESS safety.

Emerging Hazards of Battery Energy Storage System Fires

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National Fire Protection Association BESS Fact Sheet

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