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## Overview

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This document offers a curated overview of the relevant codes and standards (C+S) governing the safe deployment of utility-scale battery energy storage systems in the United States. It emphasizes the key technical frameworks that shape project design, permitting, and operation, including safety.

Assists users involved in the design and management of new stationary lead-acid, valve-regulated lead-acid, nickel-cadmium, and lithium-ion battery installations. The focus is the environmental design and management of the installation, and to improve workplace safety and improve battery.

NFPA standards: The NFPA has specific standards for BESS, including NFPA 855 and NFPA 70, which address fire safety, installation and operation. Other standards: There are several other independent standards, including UL 1973 and UL 9540, that are widely accepted in the market and govern BESS.

Battery Energy Storage Systems, or BESS, help stabilize electrical grids by providing steady power flow despite fluctuations from inconsistent generation of renewable energy sources and other disruptions. While BESS technology is designed to bolster grid reliability, lithium battery fires at some.

Industry innovations have significantly improved BESS technology and safety standards. In response to a request from CESA, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) published its first BESS standard, NFPA 855, in 2020. The NFPA 855 standard, which is largely adopted in the California Fire.

The 2026 Edition of NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy



Storage Systems (ESS), will be the third iteration of the standard and is expected to be released in the fall of 2025. It will contain significant updates from previous releases. This whitepaper discusses updated.



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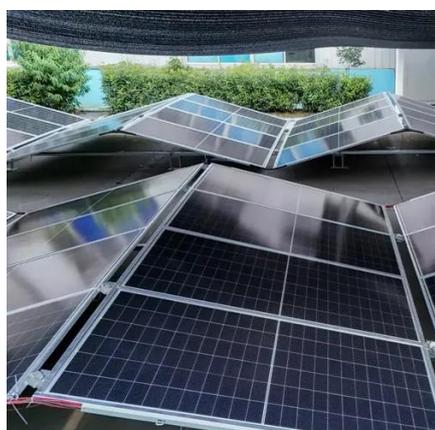


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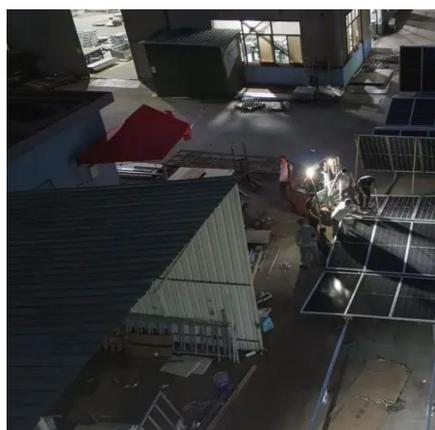
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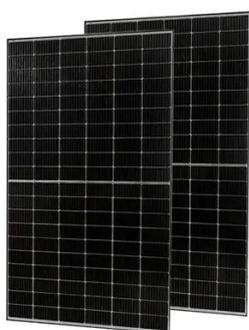


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