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Energy Storage System Shelter Standards



Overview

Are energy storage systems compliant?

Energy storage systems continue to be a rapidly evolving industry. Thus, the key to safe and up-to-date compliance requirements involves the adoption and application of codes and standards in addition to the development or writing of codes and standards.

Do battery energy storage systems comply with building codes?

Building codes: Battery energy storage systems (BESS) must comply with local building codes and fire safety regulations, which can vary across different geographies and municipalities. These codes are governed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in the U.S. and the performance-based European Standards (EN) in the European Union.

What are the UL standards for energy storage systems?

UL 1973: Batteries for Use in Stationary and Motive Auxiliary Power Applications. Safety standard for modules and battery systems used in stationary energy storage systems. UL 9540, Energy Storage Systems and Equipment. Safety standard for energy storage systems used with renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.

How are energy storage systems regulated?

In some contexts, for energy storage systems, compliance regulations take the form of a state adopting a code, which then references and requires testing and listing or adherence to a standard. Some cities, counties, and special administrative districts (e.g., school or sewer districts) also adopt locally amended codes for their environments.

Do energy storage systems need a CSR?

Until existing model codes and standards are updated or new ones developed and then adopted, one seeking to deploy energy storage technologies or

needing to verify an installation's safety may be challenged in applying current CSRs to an energy storage system (ESS).

Are energy storage systems safe?

Code relating to the safety of energy storage installations: • SERDA recommends that all energy storage systems exceeding the applicable maximum allowable quantities (MAQ) NY in aggregate (Table 1206.12 of the Fire Code), regardless of location and/or enclosure type,

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