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Energy storage system related 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.

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.

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.

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.

What's new in energy storage safety?

Since the publication of the first Energy Storage Safety Strategic Plan in 2014, there have been introductions of new technologies, new use cases, and new

codes, standards, regulations, and testing methods. Additionally, failures in deployed energy storage systems (ESS) have led to new emergency response best practices.

What is an energy storage system (ESS)?

Covers an energy storage system (ESS) that is intended to receive and store energy in some form so that the ESS can provide electrical energy to loads or to the local/area electric power system (EPS) when needed. Electrochemical, chemical, mechanical, and thermal ESS are covered by this Standard.

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