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Overview

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An overview of the relevant codes and standards governing the safe deployment of utility-scale battery energy storage systems in the United States. This document offers a curated overview of the relevant codes and standards (C+S) governing the safe deployment of utility-scale battery energy storage.

Battery systems pose unique electrical safety hazards. The system's output may be able to be placed into an electrically safe work condition (ESWC), however there is essentially no way to place an operating battery or cell into an ESWC. Someone must still work on or maintain the battery system.

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Lithium-ion batteries are the driving force behind today's portable power revolution—powering everything from electric vehicles to industrial equipment, tools, and communication systems. As their use expands across sectors, so do the risks associated with improper handling, charging, and storage.

ection of a battery installation by an inspector. These are the National Electrical Code (NEC/NFPA 70)1 and the Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace (NFPA 70E)2. This paper will examine recent battery-related changes in both documents as well as changes in the NFPA 70E Handbook.

age systems for uninterruptible power supplies and other battery backup systems. There are several ESS technologies and additional Codes and Standards cited to cover those specific technologies. For the sake of brevity, electrochemical technologies will be the primary focus of this paper due to being.

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