

What should utility do about APS battery fires?

Utility recommends ventilation for explosive gases, more intense fire suppression and better training for first responders. Industry-standard safety protocols failed to stop a fire and explosion at an APS battery site last year. Utility Arizona Public Service has completed its exhaustive study of the most high-profile U.S. grid battery fire.

What happened at McMicken energy storage?

That is one of the conclusions of a report released on Monday about the April 2019 explosion at the McMicken Energy Storage facility near Grand Avenue and Deer Valley Road, owned by Arizona Public Service Co.

Is FSRI investigating near-miss lithium-ion battery energy storage system explosion?

FSRI releases new report investigating near-miss lithium-ion battery energy storage system explosion.

Will APS reopen a new battery plant?

APS shut down its other battery facilities from Fluence -- one at Festival Ranch, which is a twin of the McMicken system, and a larger one at the desert community of Puntkin Center. Before those reopen, they will need to be retrofitted with ventilation systems. Going forward, new battery plants will have to meet these requirements as well.

Does APS still use battery technology?

When the McMicken incident happened, APS was about to finalize the first contracts in a planned 850-megawatt battery build-out to pair the utility's large-scale solar fleet with batteries. Those plans have been on hold since then, but APS has maintained that it remains committed to battery technology.

What will APS do if APS exploded?

APS last year announced plans to install about \$1 billion in dozens more batteries like the one that exploded. The batteries will capture and store surplus energy, mostly from solar power plants and rooftop solar panels, and use it in the evening when the sun sets and solar panels stop making electricity.

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UL has released its report on the energy storage fire at the McMicken Energy Storage facility located in utility Arizona Public Service territory just outside of Phoenix. Julian Spector, whose ...

The fire at its storage facility in Surprise, Arizona was not the first such incident for APS. Back in 2012, a 1.5-MW system near Flagstaff, Arizona also caught fire. The utility ...

APS has plans in place to install at least 850 MW of nearly-identical batteries across Arizona in the near future, not to mention that the United States is on track install as ...

SURPRISE, AZ -- A new report, commissioned by APS, reveals what led up to the explosion at one of their battery storage facilities on April 19, 2019.. The incident happened just before 6 p.m ...

This report details a deflagration incident at a 2.16 MWh lithium-ion battery energy storage system (ESS) facility in Surprise, Ariz. It provides a detailed technical account ...

A fire at a California lithium-ion battery energy storage facility once described as the world's largest has burned for five days, prompting evacuation orders. The fire broke out ...

A fire at a battery storage facility in Otay Mesa is out -- but the stubborn nature of the blaze has sparked opposition from some residents about the relative safety of at least three other battery ...

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