

# Fire management of new energy storage projects

What is battery energy storage fire prevention & mitigation?

In 2019, EPRI began the Battery Energy Storage Fire Prevention and Mitigation - Phase I research project, convened a group of experts, and conducted a series of energy storage site surveys and industry workshops to identify critical research and development (R&D) needs regarding battery safety.

Are energy storage sites operational?

EPRI conducted evaluations of energy storage sites (ESS) across multiple regions and in multiple use cases (see Table 1) to capture the current state of fire prevention and mitigation. Of those sites, six are operational, two are under construction, and two are in design.

What are battery storage fire safety initiatives?

These initiatives have included creating a battery storage fire safety roadmap, developing recommendations and leading practices for designing systems, and training and working with first responders responsible for putting out fires.

How can energy storage sites save lives and equipment?

Coordination, planning, and communications before, during, and post-event can save lives and equipment. EPRI conducted evaluations of energy storage sites (ESS) across multiple regions and in multiple use cases (see Table 1) to capture the current state of fire prevention and mitigation.

Are large-scale battery energy storage systems preventing fires and explosions?

However, the rapid growth in large-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) is occurring without adequate attention to preventing fires and explosions. That by the end of 2023, 10,000 megawatts (MW) of BESS will be energizing U.S. electric grids--10 times the cumulative capacity installed in 2019.

Where can I find information on energy storage failures?

For up-to-date public data on energy storage failures, see the EPRI BESS Failure Event Database.<sup>2</sup> The Energy Storage Integration Council (ESIC) Energy Storage Reference Fire Hazard Mitigation Analysis (ESIC Reference HMA),<sup>3</sup> illustrates the complexity of achieving safe storage systems.

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