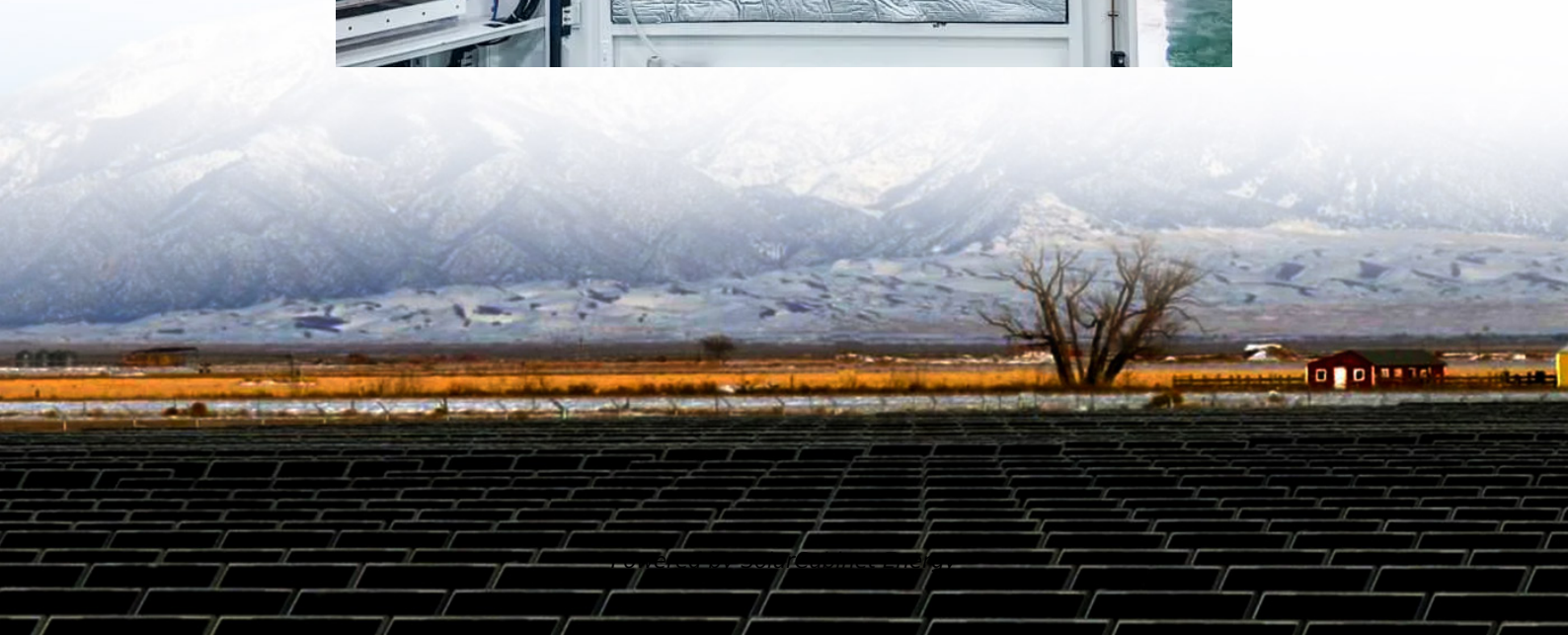


Safety protection requirements for energy storage containers





Overview

UL 9540 defines the safety requirements for energy storage systems and equipment. NFPA 855 outlines installation rules that minimize fire risk. Together, they form the foundation of residential storage safety. As capacity grows beyond 10kWh, following these standards becomes even more essential. Are battery energy storage systems safe?

As more battery energy storage systems (BESS) are connected to the grid, safety is paramount. That's why clear safety standards exist for the storage industry; protocols including UL 9540, UL 9540A, and NFPA 855 aim to quantify how well batteries stand up to worst-case situations.

Are energy storage facilities safe?

These established safety standards, like NFPA 855 and UL 9540, ensure that all aspects of an energy storage project are designed, built, and operated with safety as the highest priority. Energy storage facilities are monitored 24/7 by trained personnel prepared to maintain safety and respond to emergency events.

How do energy storage facilities maintain safety?

Facilities use multiple strategies to maintain safety, including using established safety equipment and techniques to ensure that operation of the battery systems are conducted safely. Energy storage technologies are a critical resource for America's power grid, boosting reliability and lowering costs for families and businesses.

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).

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.

Which NFPA standards address energy storage systems?

NFPA Standards that address Energy Storage Systems Research on Energy Storage Systems from the Research Foundation Reports: Lithium ion batteries hazard and use assessment Phase I (2011), Phase II (2013), Phase III (2016).
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