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Energy storage project safety requirements and standards



Overview

Provides guidance on the design, construction, testing, maintenance, and operation of thermal energy storage systems, including but not limited to phase change materials and solid-state energy storage media, giving manufacturers, owners, users, and others concerned with or responsible for its application by prescribing necessary safety requirements. What are the safety requirements for electrical energy storage systems?

Electrical energy storage (EES) systems - Part 5-3. Safety requirements for electrochemical based EES systems considering initially non-anticipated modifications, partial replacement, changing application, relocation and loading reused battery.

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.

Are energy storage codes & standards needed?

Discussions with industry professionals indicate a significant need for standards . " [1, p. 30]. Under this strategic driver, a portion of DOE-funded energy storage research and development (R&D) is directed to actively work with industry to fill energy storage Codes & Standards (C&S) gaps.

What are the standards for battery energy storage systems (BESS)?

As the industry for battery energy storage systems (BESS) has grown, a broad range of H&S related standards have been developed. There are national and international standards, those adopted by the British Standards Institution (BSI) or published by International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), CENELEC, ISO, etc.

Does industry need energy storage standards?

As cited in the DOE OE ES Program Plan, “Industry requires specifications of standards for characterizing the performance of energy storage under grid conditions and for modeling behavior. Discussions with industry professionals indicate a significant need for standards. ” [1, p. 30].

What safety standards affect the design and installation of ESS?

As shown in Fig. 3, many safety C&S affect the design and installation of ESS. One of the key product standards that covers the full system is the UL9540 Standard for Safety: Energy Storage Systems and Equipment . Here, we discuss this standard in detail; some of the remaining challenges are discussed in the next section.

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