

Container energy storage power stations need explosion-proof walls





Overview

The fire codes (IFC 2021 Chapter 1207, NFPA 855 ed. 2023) contain a requirement to include explosion protection for installed systems exceeding certain energy capacity thresholds. Are battery energy storage systems a fire hazard mitigation strategy?

The challenges of providing effective fire and explosion hazard mitigation strategies for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are receiving appreciable attention, given that renewable energy production has evolved significantly in recent years and is projected to account for 80% of new power generation capacity in 2030 (WEO, 2023).

What are energy storage systems (ESS)?

Energy storage systems (ESS) are being installed in the United States and all over the world at an accelerating rate, and the majority of these installations use lithium-ion-based battery technology.

Why are explosion hazards a concern for ESS batteries?

For grid-scale and residential applications of ESS, explosion hazards are a significant concern due to the propensity of lithium-ion batteries to undergo thermal runaway, which causes a release of flammable gases composed of hydrogen, hydrocarbons (e.g. methane, ethylene, etc.), carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide.

Does NFPA 855 require explosion protection?

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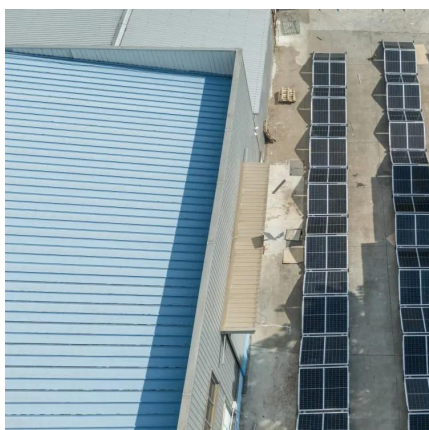
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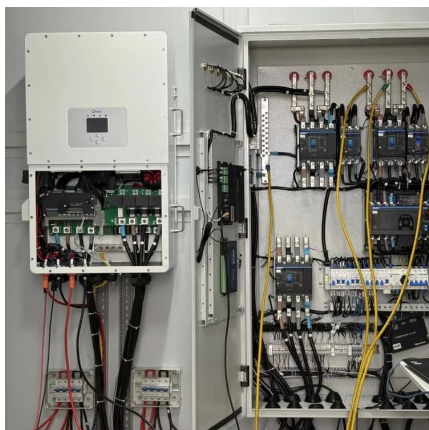
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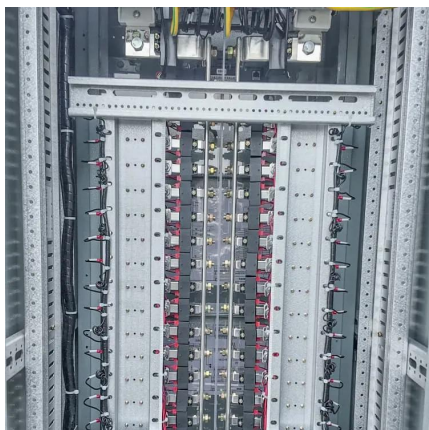


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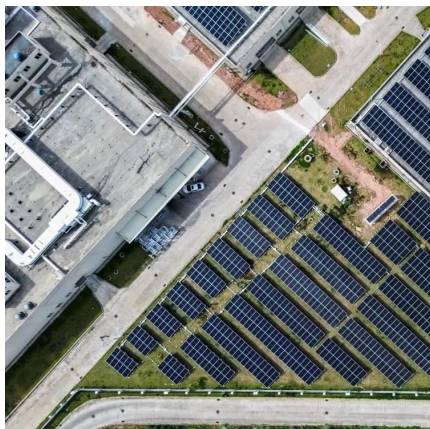
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