



Requirements for household energy storage lithium batteries

Are lithium battery storage requirements incorporated into the 2024 IFC & IBC?

During the PCH, new lithium battery storage requirements were approved for incorporation into the 2024 IFC and IBC. The NFPA is a worldwide organization focused on preventing death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards.

What are the fire and building codes for energy storage systems?

However, many designers and installers, especially those new to energy storage systems, are unfamiliar with the fire and building codes pertaining to battery installations. Another code-making body is the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Some states adopt the NFPA 1 Fire Code rather than the IFC.

Are battery storage systems dangerous?

There has been a fair amount of news about battery storage systems being involved in fire and explosion incidents around the world. Do not forget that these are not the only safety issues when dealing with batteries. Battery systems pose unique electrical safety hazards.

Should lithium-based batteries be a domestic supply chain?

Establishing a domestic supply chain for lithium-based batteries requires a national commitment to both solving breakthrough scientific challenges for new materials and developing a manufacturing base that meets the demands of the growing electric vehicle (EV) and electrical grid storage markets.

Do you need documentation for a battery room?

The employer must know, document and train the employee for the assigned task and exposed risks. It is a requirement to have all the documentation in place prior to authorized personnel entering a battery room to perform a specific work task on a battery system under normal operating conditions.

What is a lithium-based battery blueprint?

This document outlines a U.S. lithium-based battery blueprint, developed by the Federal Consortium for Advanced Batteries (FCAB), to guide investments in the domestic lithium-battery manufacturing value chain that will bring equitable clean-energy manufacturing jobs to America.

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