

# ANALYSIS OF ENERGY STORAGE BATTERY SAFETY INCIDENTS



Where can I find information on energy storage safety? For more information on energy storage safety, visit the Storage Safety Wiki Page. The BESS Failure Incident Database was initiated in 2021 as part of a wider suite of BESS safety research after the concentration of lithium ion BESS fires in South Korea and the Surprise, AZ, incident in the US.



What causes large-scale lithium-ion energy storage battery fires? Several large-scale lithium-ion energy storage battery fire incidents have involved explosions. The large explosion incidents are due to the deflagration of accumulated flammable gases generated during cell thermal runaways within one or more modules. This leads to damage of battery system enclosures.



Why is a delayed explosion battery ESS incident important? One delayed explosion battery ESS incident is particularly noteworthy because the severe firefighter injuries and unusual circumstances in this incident were widely reported (Renewable Energy World, 2019).



Are there fires and explosions in lithium battery energy storage stations? There have also been considerable reports of fires and explosions in lithium battery energy storage stations. According to incomplete statistics, there have been over 30 incidents of fire and explosion at energy storage plants worldwide in the past 10 years.



What are the different types of energy storage failure incidents? Stationary Energy Storage Failure Incidents ??? this table tracks utility-scale and commercial and industrial (C&I) failures. Other Storage Failure Incidents ??? this table tracks incidents that do not fit the criteria for the first table. This could include failures involving the manufacturing, transportation, storage, and recycling of energy storage.

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How does the battery industry improve risk reduction measures? The battery industry continues to engage in R&D activities to improve risk reduction measures. The database includes the cause of failure for each incident, where available. EPRI, TWAICE, and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) collaborated on an effort to classify the root cause of each incident in the database.



Some helpful definitions follow: BESS: A stationary energy storage system using battery technology. The focus of the database is on lithium ion technologies, but other battery technology failure incidents are included. ???



Explore battery energy storage systems (BESS) failure causes and trends from EPRI's BESS Failure Incident Database, incident reports, and expert analyses by TWAICE and PNNL. safety, and reliability. ???



Energy storage is a resilience enabling and reliability enhancing technology. Across the country, states are choosing energy storage as the best and most cost-effective way to improve grid resilience and reliability. ACP has compiled ???



With the rapid growth of electric vehicle adoption, the demand for lithium-ion batteries has surged, highlighting the importance of understanding the associated risks, particularly in non-application stages such as transportation, ???

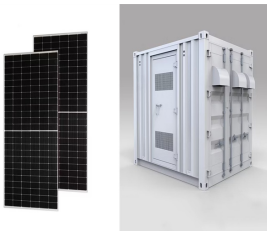
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The International Renewable Energy Agency predicts that with current national policies, targets and energy plans, global renewable energy shares are expected to reach 36% and 3400 GWh of stationary energy ???



This text is an abstract of the complete article originally published in Energy Storage News in February 2025.. Fire incidents in battery energy storage systems (BESS) are rare but receive significant public and regulatory ???



Battery safety has come a long way since the construction of the 300 MW first phase of Vistra Energy's Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility in California which caught fire on January 16. From the choice of chemistry, fire ???

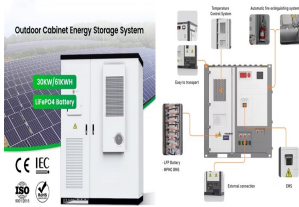


Improper thermal management during charging, discharging, and operation will become the ultimate trigger for safety accidents in lithium-ion batteries, leading to combustion ???



The rate of failure incidents fell 97% between 2018 and 2023, with a chart in the study showing that it went from around 9.2 failures per GW of battery energy storage systems (BESS) deployed in 2018 to around 0.2 in 2023.

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The safety of battery-based energy storage system is complicated because it involves batteries, battery management systems, cables, system electrical topology, early warning, monitoring and firefighting systems et al. ???



With the advantages of high energy density, short response time and low economic cost, utility-scale lithium-ion battery energy storage systems are built and installed around the ???



According to the data collected by the United States Department of Energy (DOE), in the past 20 years, the most popular battery technologies in terms of installed or planned capacity in grid applications are flow batteries, ???