

What is large scale fire testing?

Unlike UL 9540A testing, which may only lead to the release of flammable gases without ignition, large-scale fire testing forces a fire condition in one ESS enclosure to assess if thermal runaway and fire propagation will occur in adjacent enclosures. Why are AHJs and regulators now requiring Large Scale Fire Testing?

What is a large-scale fire test per NFPA 855?

The definition of a large-scale fire test per NFPA 855 is the testing of a representative energy storage system that induces a significant fire into the device under test and evaluates whether the fire will spread to adjacent energy storage system units, surrounding equipment, or through an adjacent fire-resistance-rated barrier.

Are energy storage systems safe?

In North America, the newest standards that govern energy storage systems are: Globally, the IEC 62933 series has similar safety requirements as UL 9540, with IEC 62933-5-2:2020 mentioning the need for large-scale fire testing for evaluating thermal runaway of Li-based battery systems and referencing UL 9540A as an example test method.

How should a large-scale fire test be performed?

While the details of how a large-scale fire test should be performed are not yet clearly defined in the industry, Fluence has taken a lead to define its own large-scale fire test to create an extreme event in order to demonstrate the behavior of an enclosure fire in a setup that resembles a real energy storage installation.

Why do we need large-scale fire tests?

The International Fire Code Commentary emphasizes the need for large-scale fire tests to document that fire propagation between units will not occur and to gather data for risk assessments in different installation settings. What is the purpose and scope of TS-800?

Do battery energy storage systems need UL 9540A testing?

Building and fire codes require testing of battery energy storage systems (BESS) to show that they do not exceed maximum allowable quantities and they allow for adequate distancing between units. UL 9540A is the consensus test method that helps prove systems comply with fire safety standards.

Sungrow has, this year, taken the bold step of deliberately combusting a liquid-cooled battery energy storage system (BESS), known as a burn test, in order to properly ...

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In a pivotal effort to enhance the safety and reliability of its energy storage systems, Trina Storage has successfully completed a rigorous burn test using its Elementa 2 battery energy storage system, reaffirming its commitment to ...

CSA Group releases the CSA TS-800:24 Large-Scale Fire Test (LSFT) Procedure. This technical specification fills in a critical gap in the industry by providing a standardized method for evaluating fire hazards associated with energy storage systems (ESSs).

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Sungrow employees after the 23 May burn test, which took place at a third-party lab in Henan province, China. Image: Sungrow. Sungrow has claimed a large-scale fire test proves the safety of its battery energy ...

The scope of this document covers the fire safety aspects of lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries and Energy Storage Systems (ESS) in industrial and commercial applications with the primary focus on active fire protection.

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