

Are electrochemical energy storage systems UL 9540 certified?

As a basis, electrochemical energy storage systems are required to be listed to UL 9540 per NFPA 855, the International Fire Code, and the California Fire Code. As part of UL 9540, lithium-ion based ESS are required to meet the standards of UL 1973 for battery systems and UL 1642 for lithium batteries.

Do energy storage systems need a CSR?

Until existing model codes and standards are updated or new ones developed and then adopted, one seeking to deploy energy storage technologies or needing to verify an installation's safety may be challenged in applying current CSRs to an energy storage system (ESS).

What is an energy storage system (ESS)?

Covers an energy storage system (ESS) that is intended to receive and store energy in some form so that the ESS can provide electrical energy to loads or to the local/area electric power system (EPS) when needed. Electrochemical, chemical, mechanical, and thermal ESS are covered by this Standard.

What is the UL 9540 standard for energy storage systems?

For ESS, the standard is UL 9540, Standard for Energy Storage Systems and Equipment. UL 9540 covers the complete ESS, including battery system, power conversion system (PCS), and energy storage management system (ESMS). Each of these components must be qualified to its own standard:

What if energy storage system and component standards are not identified?

Energy Storage System and Component Standards 2. If relevant testing standards are not identified, it is possible they are under development by an SDO or by a third-party testing entity that plans to use them to conduct tests until a formal standard has been developed and approved by an SDO.

What is a safety standard for stationary batteries?

Safety standard for stationary batteries for energy storage applications, non-chemistry specific and includes electrochemical capacitor systems or hybrid electrochemical capacitor and battery systems. Includes requirements for unique technologies such as flow batteries and sodium beta (i.e., sodium sulfur and sodium nickel chloride).

If performance standards are met at a given level, it meets the criteria of UL 9540A and additional testing is not required. Testing exposes the ESS to a thermal event to determine its ability to ...

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