South Korean energy storage system fire case diagram

Overview

What caused the energy storage system fires in South Korea?

This week South Korea announced the conclusions from their fire investigation committee regarding the root cause for the 23 energy storage system fires that have occurred since August of 2017. The lithium-ion battery fires resulted in system losses valued at over $32M USD.

Are ESS fires a social problem in South Korea?

However, in South Korea, ESS fire incidents have emerged as a significant social problem. Consequently, a government-formed committee was established to investigate the cause of these fires through the analysis of the data collected from ESSs, stored in the battery management system (BMS) log data of the fire-resistant safe storage.

What happened at a battery installation in South Korea?

The aftermath of a fire at a battery installation in South Korea’s Chungcheongbuk province. A string of fires has brought the nation’s energy storage market to a standstill. Image: North Chungcheong Province Fire Service Headquarters.

How common are ESS fires in South Korea?

According to statistics from 23 ESS fires in South Korea prior to June 2019 presented in Figure 1, a significant proportion of ESS fires broke out in small systems with a capacity of 1–5 MW, accounting for 52% of the total. Additionally, large ESSs with a capacity of 10 MW or more accounted for 24% of the incidents.

How many energy storage battery fires are there?

Unfortunately, there have been a large number of energy storage battery fires in the past few years. For example, in South Korea, which has by far the largest number of energy storage battery installations, there were 23 reported

fires between August 2017 and December 2018 according to the Korea Joongang Daily (2019).

How many B-ESS fires have occurred in Korea?

B-ESS fires have occurred in Korea and elsewhere worldwide, but Korea's consecutive fire accidents are quite uncommon cases concentrated in a short period [7]. The Korean government formed an official investigation committee and conducted two investigations into the causes of the 28 fire accidents from August 2017 to June 2019 [8, 9].

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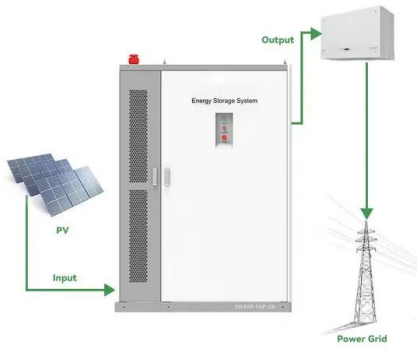

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Lithium ion battery energy storage systems (BESS) hazards

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