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# Energy storage power access approval



## Overview

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How do I develop a battery energy storage project?

The development of battery energy storage projects requires navigating a complex web of state and local permitting processes. Understanding these requirements alongside the battery energy storage system design process is essential for successful project execution.

What are the requirements for a battery energy storage system?

The requirements of this ordinance shall apply to all battery energy storage systems with a rated nameplate capacity of equal to or greater than 1,000 kilowatts (1 megawatt).

Can energy storage systems be sited by right?

In some contexts, battery energy storage systems, which serve as critical grid infrastructure and present minimal impacts to adjacent land, can be sited by right - this includes land use zones being utilized primarily for agricultural, industrial, and commercial functions. Energy infrastructure, like substations, are seamlessly integrated into these zones.

How do state and local permitting processes affect battery energy storage projects?

State and local permitting are crucial steps in the development of battery energy storage projects. Each state has its own regulatory framework, and local jurisdictions may impose additional requirements. California, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin are a few examples of states that have robust statewide permitting processes.

What are the NFPA requirements for energy storage systems?

3 NFPA 855 and NFPA 70 identifies lightning requirements for energy storage systems. These requirements are designed to ensure adequate visibility for safe operation, maintenance, and emergency response. Lightning provisions

typically cover areas such as access points, equipment locations, and signage.

What is a battery energy storage system (BESS)?

As the demand for renewable energy sources continues to rise, battery energy storage systems (BESS) have emerged as a critical component in the transition to a sustainable energy future. Westwood is at the forefront of environmental permitting in states across the nation, helping clients navigate the complexities of the permitting process.

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