

# How did the energy storage power station catch fire

What caused the north County battery plant fire?

The battery plant fire is not related, and its cause is still unknown, but North County Fire Protection District Chief Joel Mendoza briefed the press on January 17th, saying that a fire suppression system in one of the facilities battery racks had failed, which allowed it to spread.

Are electric vehicles causing a 'battery energy storage fire'?

With the growing number of electric vehicles and batteries for energy storage on the grid, more high-profile fires have hit the news, like last year's truck fire in LA, the spate of e-bike battery fires in New York City, or one at a French recycling plant last year. "Battery energy storage systems are complex machines," Mulvaney says.

What happened to the Moss Landing 300 battery energy storage system?

On January 16, 2025, the Moss Landing 300 battery energy storage system at the Moss Landing Vistra power plant (Monterey County, Calif.) caught fire. The 300-megawatt system held about 100,000 lithium-ion batteries. About 55 percent of the batteries were damaged by the fire. Local agencies immediately requested our support for air monitoring.

What happened at California's largest lithium-ion battery energy storage facility?

A fire at a California lithium-ion battery energy storage facility once described as the world's largest has burned for five days, prompting evacuation orders. The fire broke out on Wednesday at the 250MW Gateway Energy Storage facility owned by grid infrastructure developer LS Power in San Diego.

What happened at the Vistra Energy battery plant in Moss Landing?

The fire that started Thursday at the Vistra Energy battery plant in Moss Landing, roughly 80 miles (about 130 kilometers) south of San Francisco, led to 1,700 people evacuating, closed part of Highway 1 and generated huge flames and significant amounts of smoke. The cause is under investigation.

Is Moss Landing power plant fire affecting battery safety?

The latest fire at Moss Landing Power plant is raising concerns about battery safety. This article is from The Spark, MIT Technology Review's weekly climate newsletter. To receive it in your inbox every Wednesday, sign up [here](#).

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A major fire erupted south of San Francisco at the Moss Landing Power Plant, forcing hundreds to evacuate. So far, the fire has stayed in the facility, which stores thousands ...

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