

*NYSERDA Presents:  
Battery Energy Storage Systems –  
Key Considerations for Local Governments*

***Webinar #4:  
Decommissioning &  
End-of-Life Considerations***



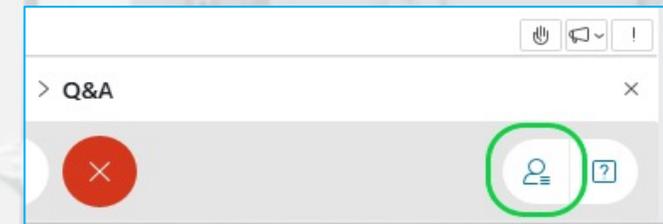
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**June 16, 2021**

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# Remaining Webinar:

**Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>: Taxation and Assessments**  
Featured Speakers: Hodgson Russ LLP

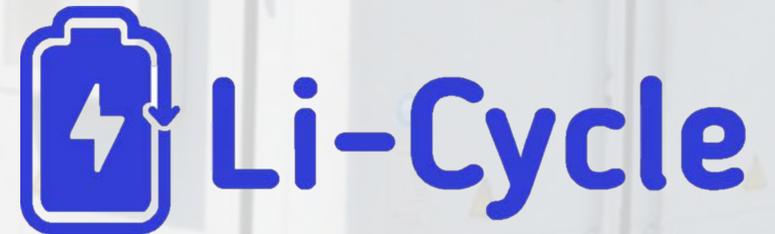
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# Agenda:

- **Recap: Energy Storage in NYS**
- **Brief Intro to BESS Decommissioning**
- **DNV: Decommissioning Energy Storage Systems**
- **Li-Cycle: Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling**
- **Q&A**

# Guest Speakers:

- **Daniel Pardo**  
Senior Project Manager, DNV
- **Kunal Phalpher**  
Chief Commercial Officer, Li-Cycle



A long row of white energy storage containers, likely lithium-ion batteries, is shown in an outdoor setting. The containers are arranged in a line on a gravel pad. Each container has a control panel on its side. The background shows a clear blue sky and some greenery. The text "Recap: Energy Storage in NYS" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Recap: Energy Storage in NYS

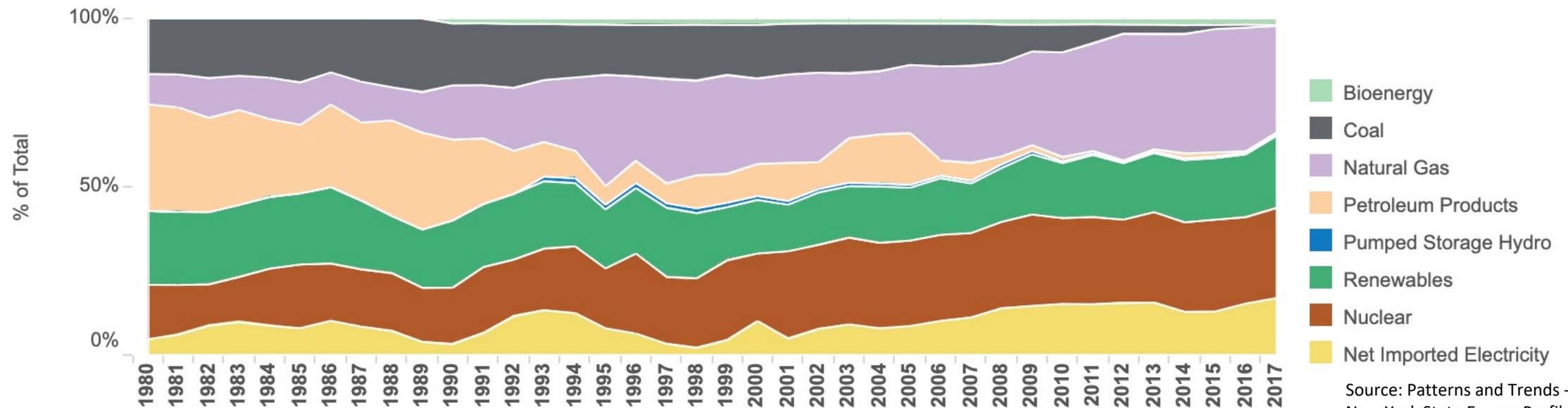
# The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act)

## Electricity Sector Goals:

- 70% Renewable Electricity by 2030
- 100% Emissions-Free Grid by 2040

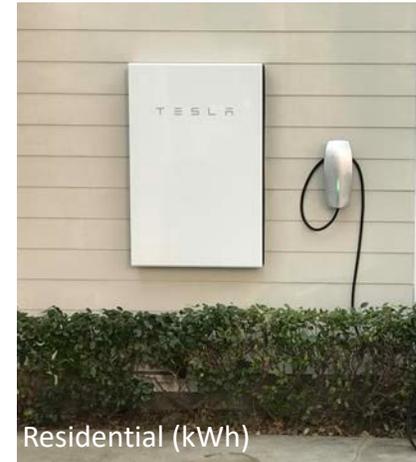
## Technology-Specific Goals:

- 6,000 MW Distributed Solar by 2025
- 9,000 MW Offshore Wind by 2035
- **1,500 MW Energy Storage by 2025;**  
**3,000 MW by 2030**



# Energy Storage Systems (ESS) 101

- ESS store energy for conversion to electrical energy
- Batteries are the most common and flexible ESS
- Lithium-ion batteries are the prevailing chemistries for ESS
- ESS components include:
  - Cells → Modules → Racks
  - Battery Management System (BMS)
  - Monitoring, Safety, and Balance of System Equipment



Residential (kWh)



Commercial (kWh - MWh)

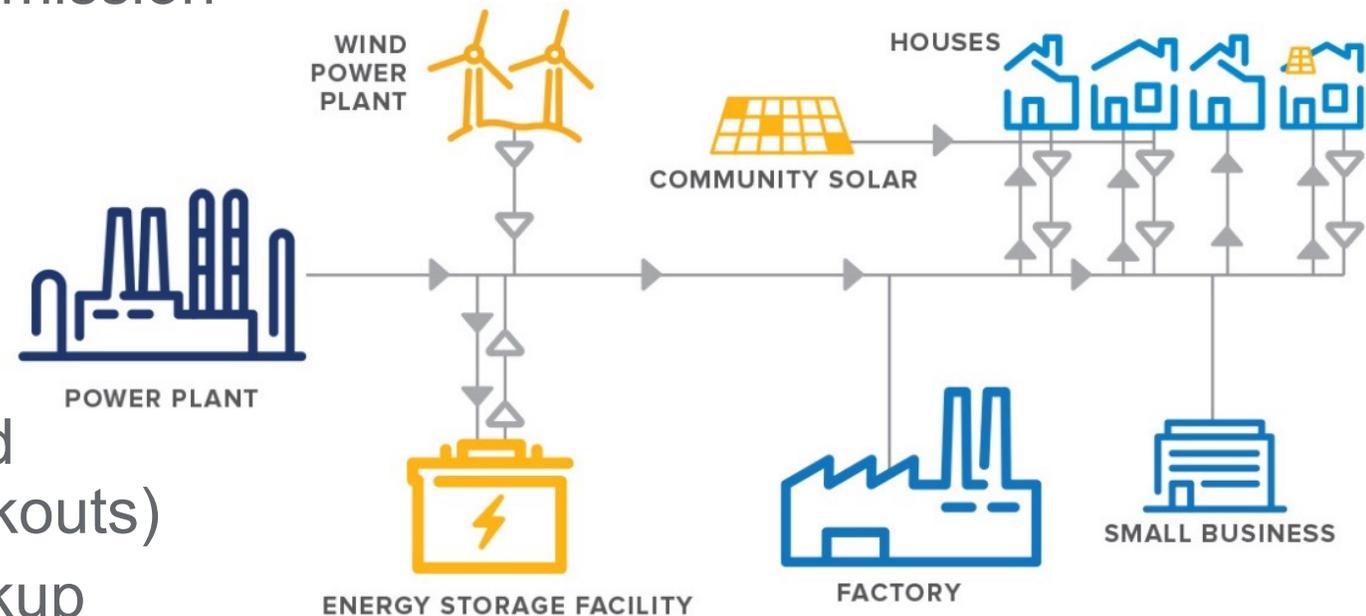


Utility-Scale (MWh – GWh)

# Use Cases for Energy Storage

**Battery Energy Storage Systems can serve a variety of important roles, including these more common uses:**

- Defer costly upgrades to transmission and distribution infrastructure
- Provide key grid services
- Support integration of renewable energy generators, including solar and wind
- Alleviate congestion in the grid (reducing brownouts and blackouts)
- Electric bill management, backup power for homes and businesses



# NYSERDA Energy Storage Initiative

Provides incentives & technical assistance to support deployment of advanced energy storage technologies

- **Retail Energy Storage Incentives:**
  - For residential through commercial-scale storage projects < 5 megawatts (MW)
  - Incentives vary based on region and megawatt-hour (MWh) block allocation
  - Over \$161 million allocated; \$16.4 million remaining for residential, commercial projects on Long Island and Con Edison
- **Bulk Energy Storage Incentives:**
  - For storage projects > 5 MW
  - Incentives vary based on project size and year of interconnection
  - Funding is fully allocated

[www.nyserda.ny.gov/EnergyStorage](http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/EnergyStorage)

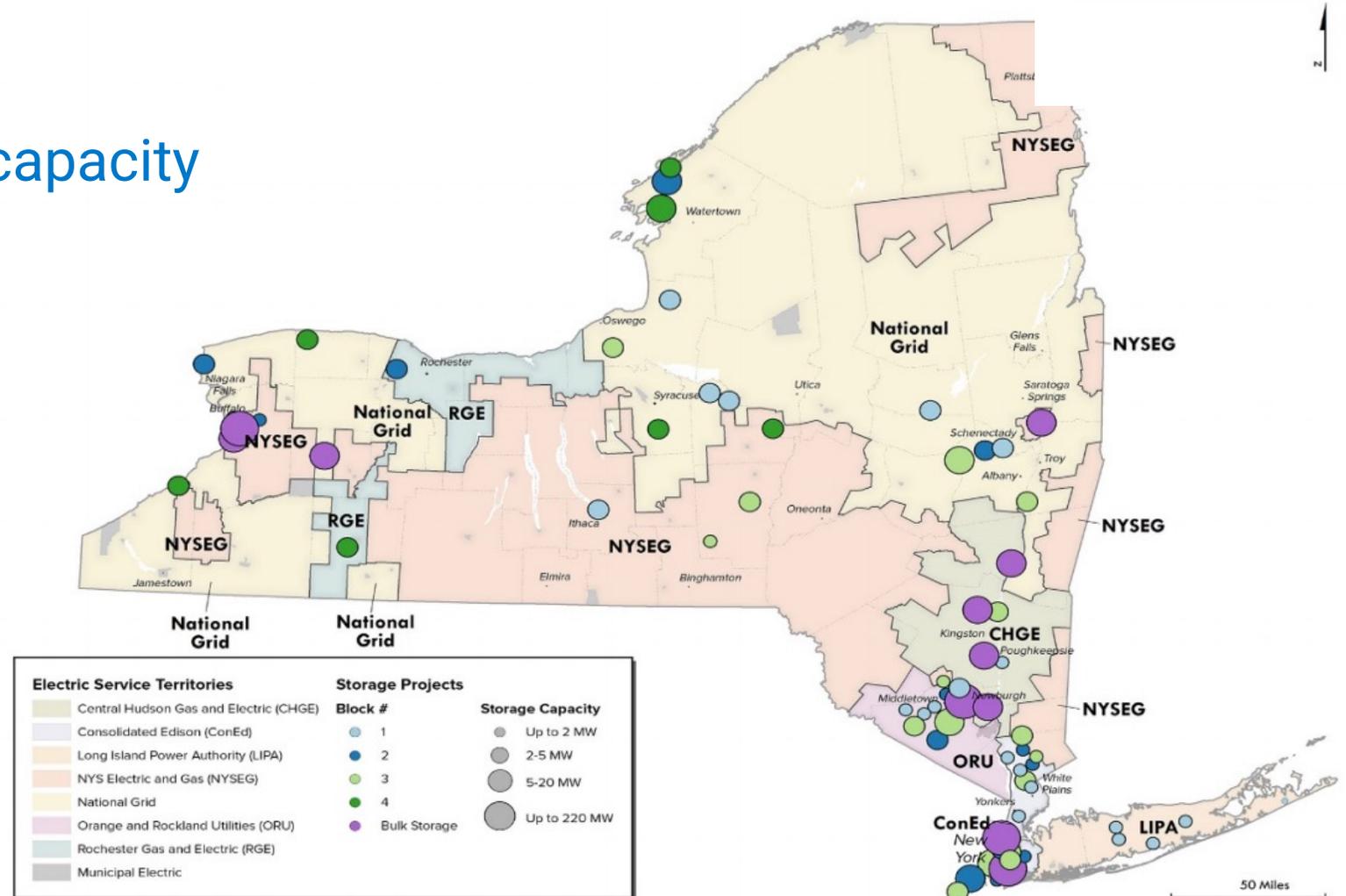
# Energy Storage Deployment in NYS

**As of April 20, 2021:**

- 115.5 MW of installed capacity
- Over 1,100 projects

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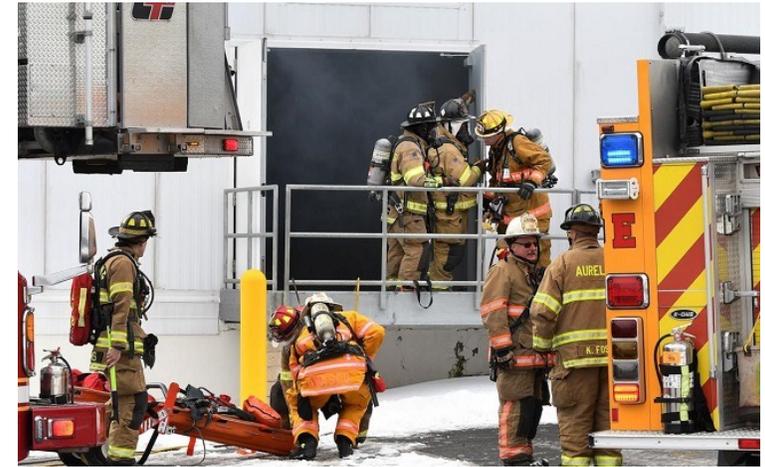
- 1,027 MW contracted, under development
- Over 100 commercial and bulk projects



# Fire Safety

## Key Takeaways:

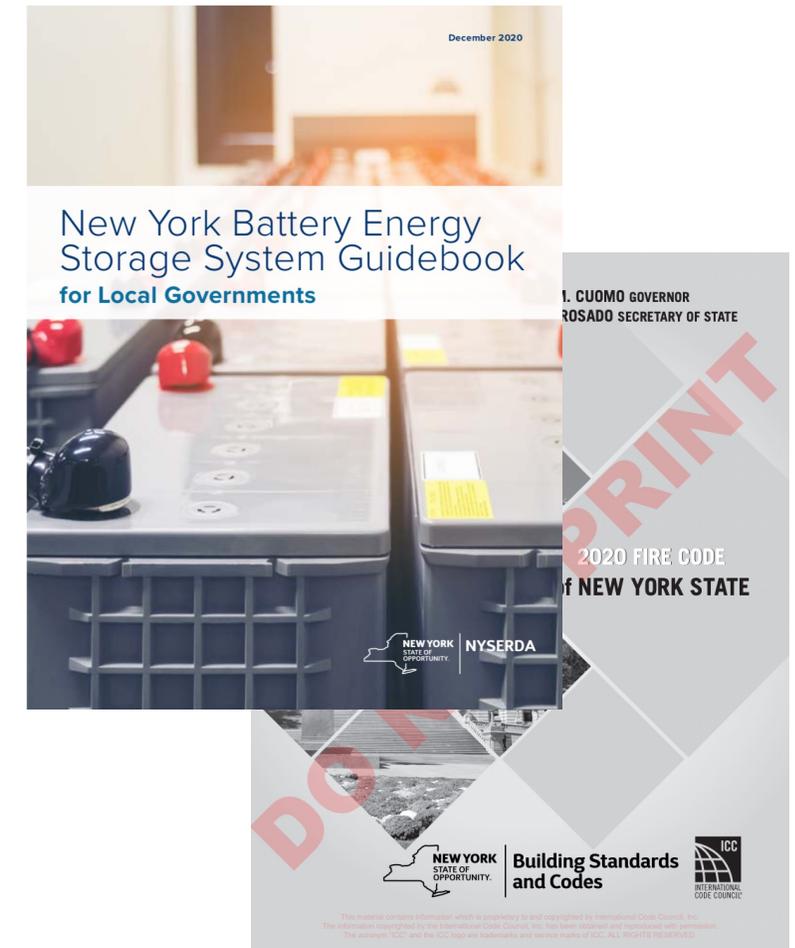
- **Codes and Standards:** Requirements have evolved with the technology; significant protections are in place under the 2020 NYS Uniform Code.
- **Fire Testing:** Certain systems are required to complete large-scale fire testing to ensure installation safety.
- **Trainings:** NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control, NYSERDA, and subject matter experts (SMEs) are partnering to ensure training and information reaches critical audiences.



# Permitting & Zoning

## Key Takeaways:

- **Regulatory Framework for Permitting BESS:**
  - **BESS co-located with large-scale generators:** Permitted by Office of Renewable Energy Siting
  - **All other projects, regardless of size:** permitted at the local level under SEQR, other local requirements
- **NYSERDA Energy Storage Guidebook for Local Governments:**
  - Model Permit + Inspection Checklist
  - Model Zoning Law
- **2020 NYS Uniform Codes:**
  - NYS Residential Code
  - NYS Fire Code



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# Introduction to BESS Decommissioning

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## **Defining Decommissioning:**

- Shutting down/removing system from service
- Disassembling, removing, and transporting system components
- Disposal, reuse, and/or recycling of components
- Site restoration and remediation

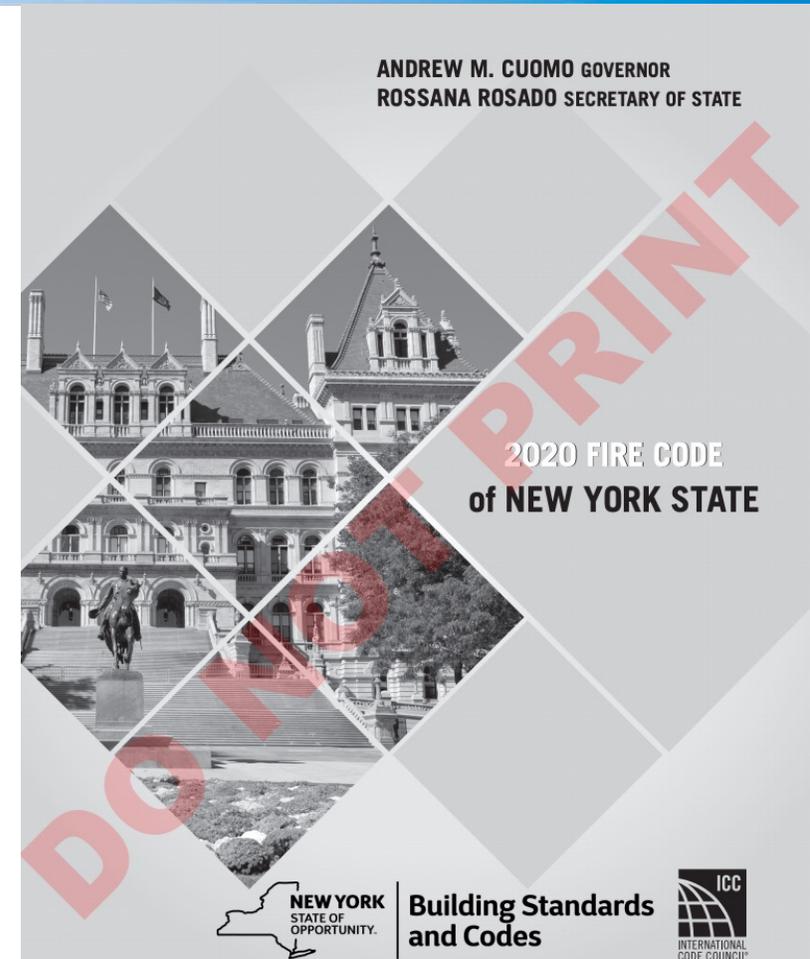
## **Key Questions to be Answered:**

- Under what circumstances is the system being decommissioned?
- Who is responsible for system removal/costs?
- How do you ensure safety during decommissioning?
- Decommissioning a damaged vs. undamaged system?

# Introduction to BESS Decommissioning

## Decommissioning in the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code:

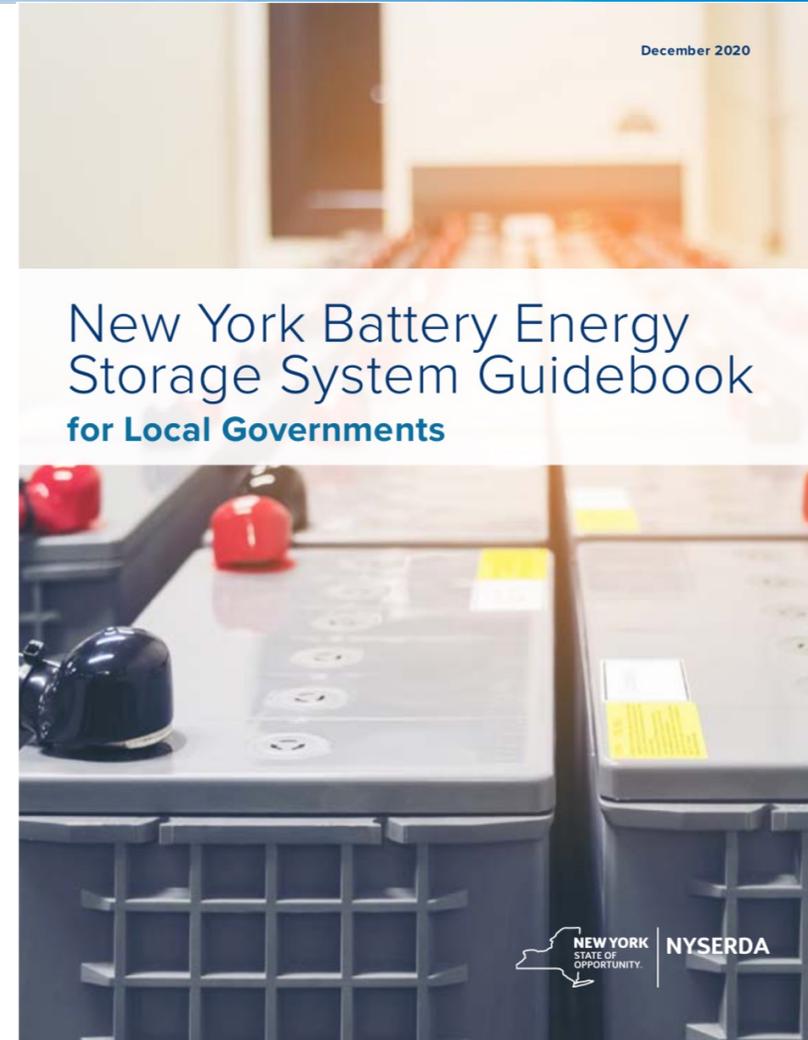
- **Definition: ESS Decommissioning**  
Reflects the staged nature of decommissioning: de-energizing, disassembling, prepping, and removal/disposal.
- **Section 1206.4: Construction Documents**  
Requires a decommissioning plan to be provided alongside the permit application up front.
- **Section 1206.9.3: Decommissioning**  
Outlines requirements for the above-referenced plan; requires a narrative description of decommissioning activities + listing of protocol for removing damaged systems.



# Introduction to BESS Decommissioning

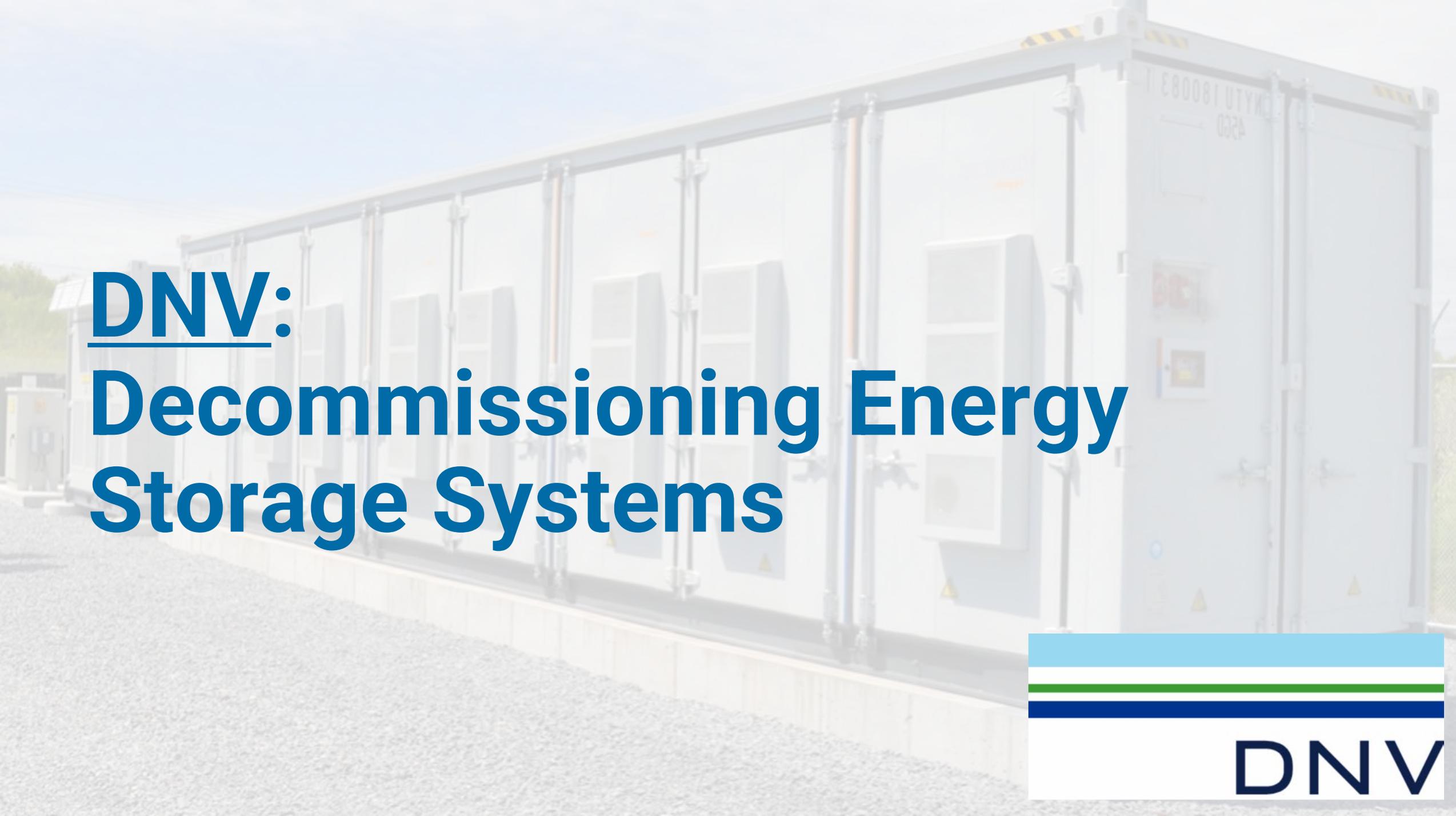
## Decommissioning in the NYSERDA Model Law:

- **Section 7.G.(1): Decommissioning Plan**  
Outlines substantive requirements for decommissioning plan to be submitted with application.
- **Section 7.G.(2): Decommissioning Fund**  
Details requirements for ensuring the availability of funds to cover decommissioning costs.
- **Section 7.J: Ownership Changes**  
Ensures continuity in decommissioning timelines/activities in the event of a change in project ownership.
- **Section 9: Permit Timeframe and Abandonment**  
Details circumstances which may constitute project abandonment + trigger decommissioning.



December 2020

New York Battery Energy  
Storage System Guidebook  
for Local Governments



**DNV:  
Decommissioning Energy  
Storage Systems**



**DNV**

# Decommissioning Energy Storage Systems

## Why require a decommissioning plan/cost estimate?

DNV considers decommissioning cost estimates to be an **industry best practice**. A cost estimate should describe how the BESS owner proposes to **dismantle the infrastructure and restore the site to a safe condition** that is suitable for future land use.

## Key considerations of a decommissioning plan/cost estimate:

1. Project size (MW) and footprint
2. Enclosure/facility type (containerized, modular/blocks, indoors)
3. Weight of components (including battery banks, inverter skids, racking, etc.)
4. Recycling or disposal alternatives
5. Decommissioning requirements contained in permits and/or regulations

# Key Considerations of a Decommissioning Plan

## Project Size and Footprint:



- 53 ft. container measures ~L 53' x W 9' x H 10'
- Container in top image holds a 10 MW BESS
- A 182.5 MW/730 MWh project (lower left: Moss Landing Energy Storage Facility in CA) might have ~150 containers
- The impact on land can vary significantly.

# Key Considerations of a Decommissioning Plan

## Enclosure/Facility Type:

- Modular/block technology is recent. Most important improvements are related to safety, installation time, O&M efficiency, transportation, etc.
- Indoor vs. outdoor installations
  - Indoor racked BESS require a building. How will the building be used after system decommissioning? Will it remain?



# Key Considerations of a Decommissioning Plan

## Weight of Components:



Batteries are heavy!

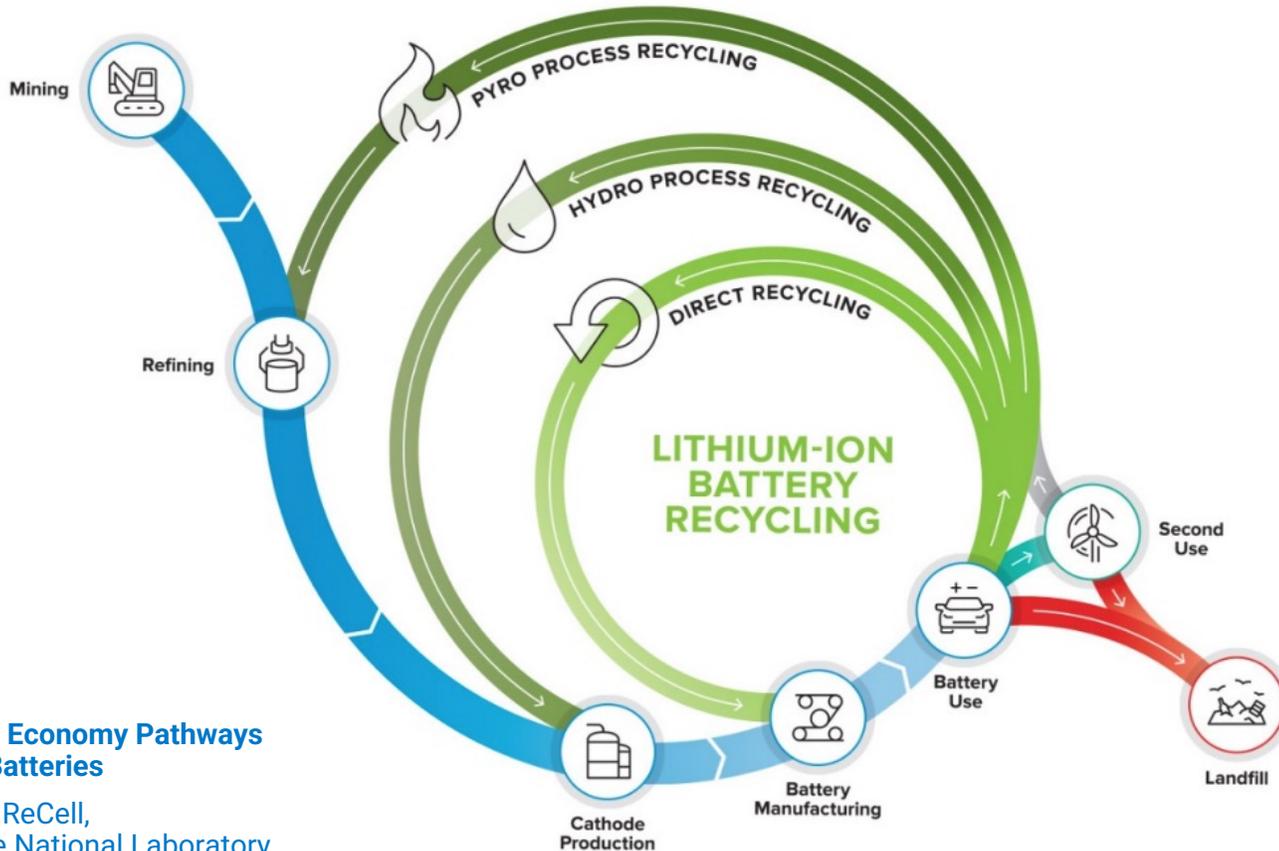
Transportation of BESS can require large trucks and cranes, if containerized. Other solutions may require smaller equipment. It's important to understand the equipment assumptions and their cost impact.



Material salvage helps to offset some of the decommissioning cost. Steel, aluminum, and copper content are usually important in a decommissioning study.

# Key Considerations of a Decommissioning Plan

## Recycling or Disposal Alternatives:



## DNV Decommissioning Study Approach:

Scenario 1: System owner bears the cost of recycling;  
Li-ion cost \$4,000 to \$5,000/ton

Scenario 2: OEM takes the cells at no cost

# Key Considerations of a Decommissioning Plan

## Decommissioning Requirements in Permits/Regulations:

Local zoning regulations, landowner agreements, and other applicable regulations can address key land use considerations:

- Can the foundations be left? If not, to what depth should they be removed
- Can any buildings remain? (e.g. in agreement with landowner)
- Can the underground collection system be abandoned?  
(definition of depth)
- Removal of all above-ground facilities and equipment
- Frequency of the decommissioning study update

# Key Considerations of a Decommissioning Plan

## Resources:

- **Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI):**
  - [Recycling and Disposal of Battery-Based Grid Energy Storage Systems](#) (Dec. 2017)
- **Energy Storage Association (ESA):**
  - [Energy Storage Corporate Responsibility Initiative: Emergency Response Plan](#) (Sept. 2019)
  - [End-of-Life Management of Lithium-Ion Energy Storage Systems](#) (Apr. 2020)
  - [Guidelines for End-of-Life and Recycling of Lithium-Ion Battery Energy Storage Systems](#) (Aug. 2020)

# Li-Cycle: Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling



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**Lithium-ion Battery Recycling**

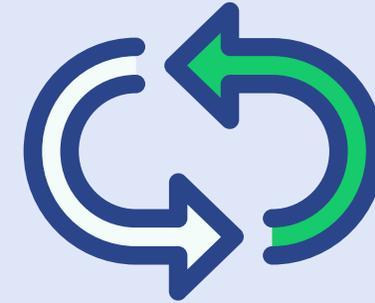
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Presented at: NYSERDA Webinar



## VISION

To be the most sustainable, vertically integrated, and globally preeminent lithium-ion battery resource recovery company



## MISSION

Providing sustainable and safe customer-centric solutions and technology to solve the global end-of-lifecycle lithium-ion battery problems/opportunities

Meeting the rapidly growing demand for critical battery materials

# KEY MILESTONES



## Milestones reached

**2020**

### **Commercial Spoke 1: Kingston, ON (5,000\* t/yr)**

In May, Li-Cycle's commercial Spoke 1 was commissioned with a capacity to process 5,000 tonnes of lithium-ion batteries per year

**2020**

### **Commercial Spoke 2: Rochester, NY (5,000\* t/yr)**

In December, Li-Cycle opened its commercial Spoke 2 at the Eastman Business Park in Rochester, NY – its first US facility

\* tonnages in equivalent battery and battery material feed

## Awards



**BusinessGreen**  
Leaders Awards 2020

## Future developments

**2022**

### **Commercial Spoke 3: Phoenix, AZ (10,000\* t/yr)**

Li-Cycle will establish its third commercial Spoke in North America with construction commencing in Q2 2021

**2023**

### **Commercial Hub 1: Rochester, NY (60,000\* t/yr)**

Li-Cycle will commission its first commercial Hub with the ability to process battery materials from 60,000 tonnes of spent batteries

**2022+**

### **International Spokes and Hubs: EU / Asia**

Li-Cycle will establish several Spokes and Hubs with partners internationally through joint ventures



## Li-Cycle's committed to providing end products from lithium-ion battery resource recovery, in a manner that ensures the following:

-  A safe and healthy workplace for all employees and stakeholders
-  Minimal environmental impact with zero wastewater, no direct emissions & no landfill
-  Integration of Quality, Health & Safety and Environmental considerations as well as Socially Responsible recycling practices into our management system
-  Meeting our commitments to customer specific requirements and expectations
-  The continual improvement of our processes

*Li-Cycle's Mississauga & Kingston locations have been certified for ISO 9001, 14001, 45001 and R2 standards*

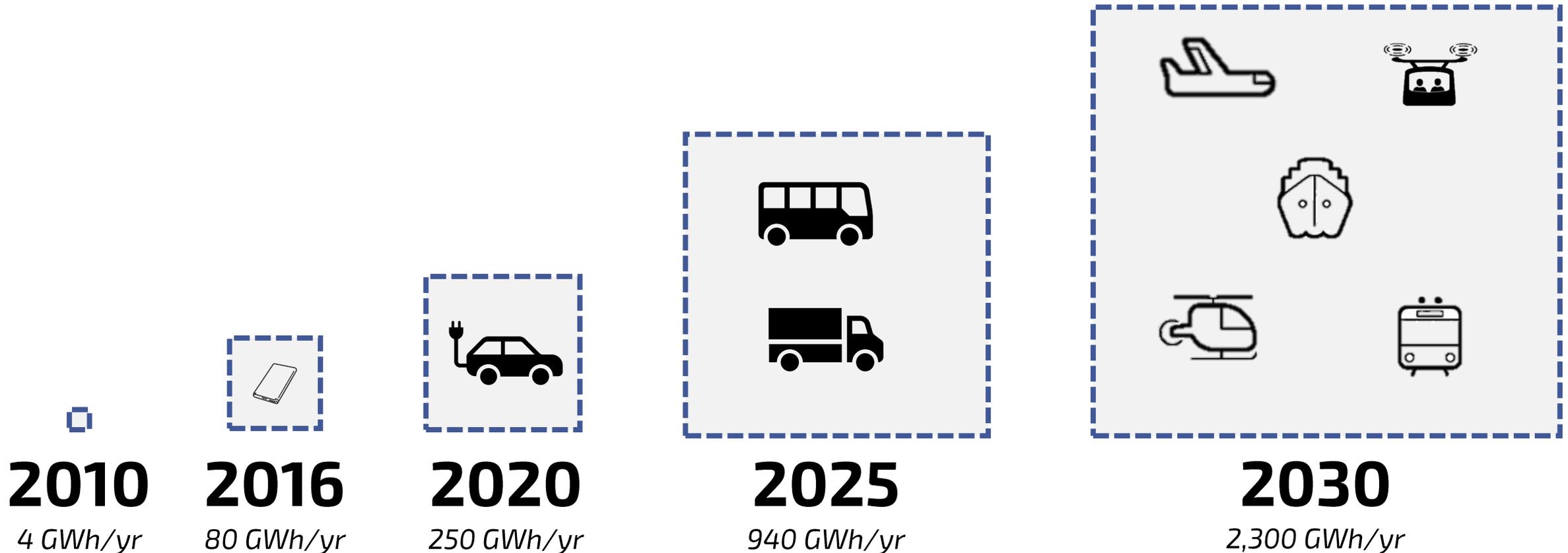


# EXPONENTIAL LI-ION BATTERY DEMAND GROWTH



**Lithium-ion battery demand globally has risen dramatically over the last 10 years, and is only beginning**

*Global demand depicted below with accurate relative scale*





***There is an incoming 'tsunami' of spent lithium-ion batteries...***



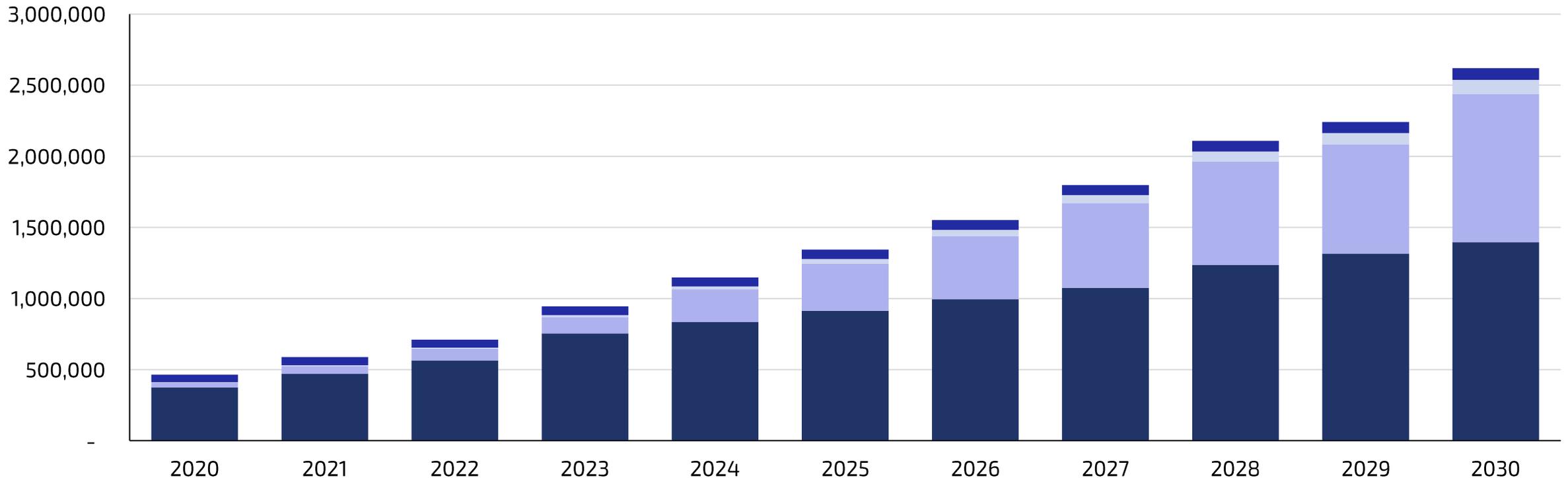
***...but how will these batteries be sustainably recycled at end-of-life?***



## The global lithium-ion battery recycling industry could have >2.5 million tonnes available for recycling by 2030

Total lithium-ion batteries available for recycling by sector (tonnes per year)

■ Manufacturing Scrap   ■ Transportation   ■ Energy Storage Systems   ■ Consumer Electronics



# PROVEN LI-CYCLE TECHNOLOGY



**Li-Cycle's patented Spoke & Hub Technologies recover up to 95% of all Li-ion battery materials** — extracting high-grade materials for battery reproduction, at a cost lower than mined and refined material

## Spoke



**Input:** All Li-ion batteries at any state of charge, without manual sorting

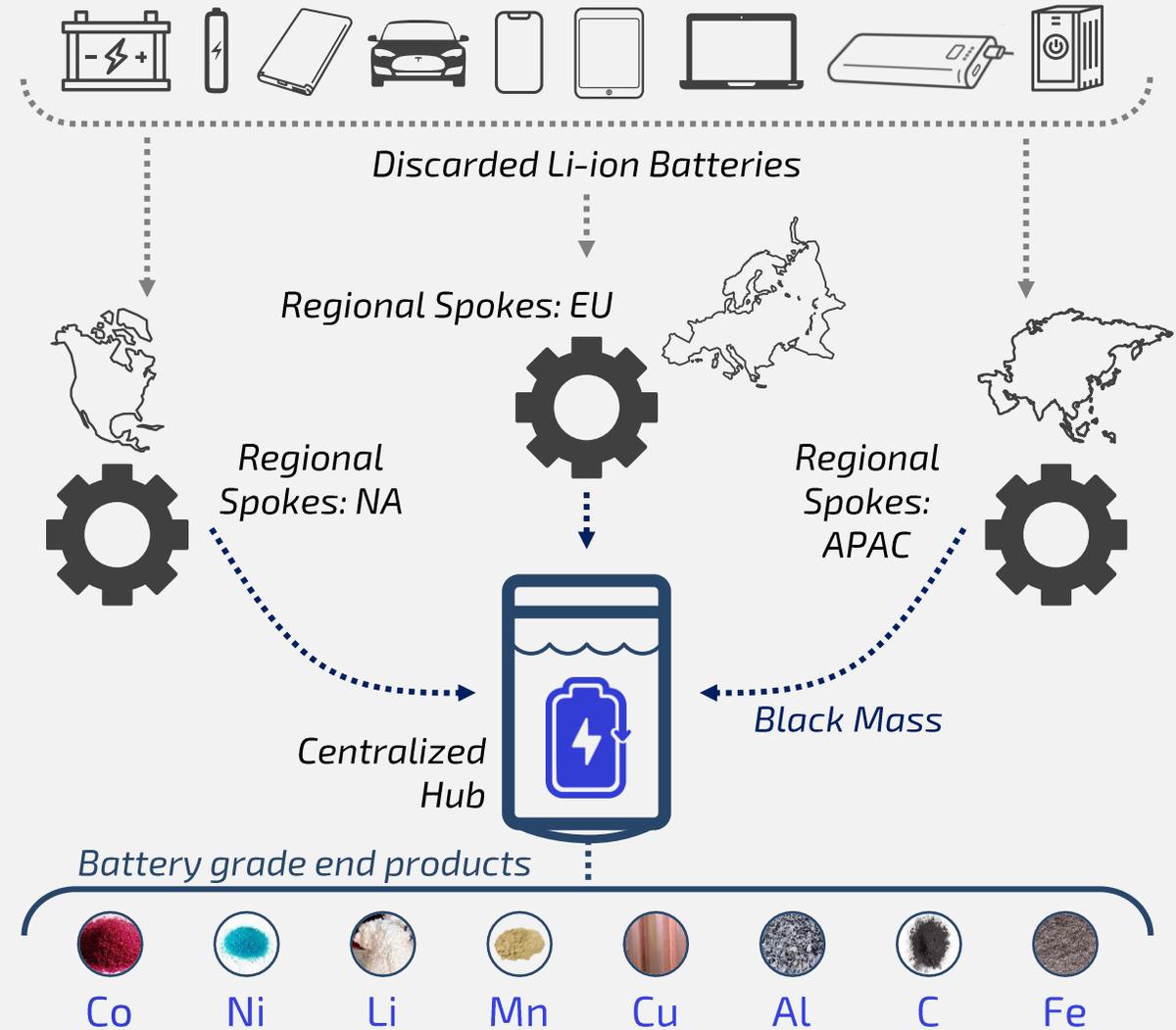
**End products:** Black mass, shredded Cu/Al, mixed plastics

## Hub



**Input:** Black mass

**End products:** Battery grade end products, including Co, Ni, Li, Mn, Cu, Al, C, Fe



# LI - CYCLE CAPABILITIES

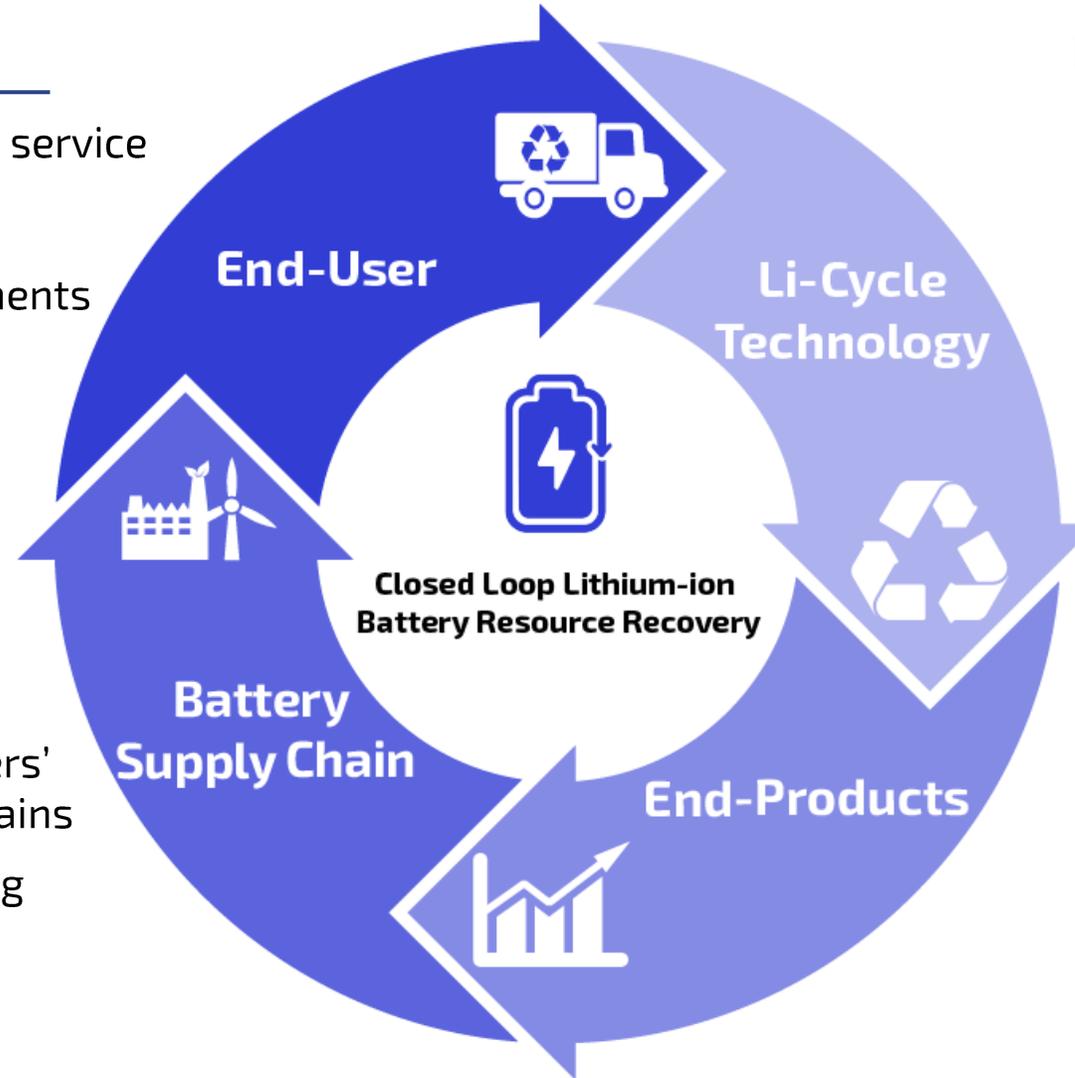


## Addressing the recycling gap

- ⚡ Holistic logistics coordination service
- ⚡ Handle damaged batteries
- ⚡ Advise on packaging requirements
- ⚡ Manage battery replacement campaigns

## Closing the loop

- ⚡ Close the loop in our customers' lithium-ion battery supply chains
- ⚡ Strategic advantage vs. mining and refining primary supply



## Industry-leading recovery rates

- ⚡ Up to 95% recycling efficiency
- ⚡ Safe and sustainable process

## High value end-product sales

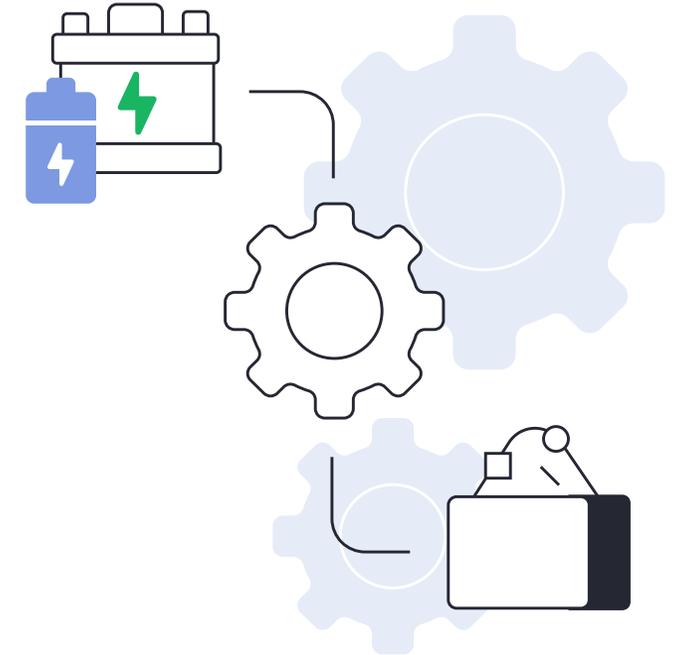
- ⚡ Produce battery-grade end-products for re-use in battery or other technical applications
- ⚡ Produce by-products reusable in the general economy

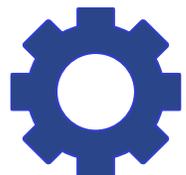


## MECHANICAL SAFE SIZE REDUCTION

### Spoke

- ✓ Ability to accept all lithium-ion batteries – regardless of chemistry, form factor, and prior application. Lithium-ion battery-type agnostic
- ✓ No need to separate different battery chemistries
- ✓ Processing of full modules, fully charged
- ✓ All intermediate products return to the economy
- ✓ No wastewater production
- ✓ Low air emissions. No fluorine air emissions
- ✓ Future processing of full packs
- ✓ Solid state battery processing (R&D)





## NA Commercial Spoke 1

**Location:**  
**Operational since:**  
**Capacity:**

**Kingston, Ontario, Canada**  
**Q3 2019. New site since Q3 2020**  
**5,000 tonnes of LIBs/year**



**Feed conveyor at NA Spoke 1**



**Automated materials handling circuits**



**Automated solution handling circuits**

# SPOKE 2: ROCHESTER, NEW YORK



## NA Commercial Spoke 2

**Location:**  
**Operational since:**  
**Capacity:**

**Rochester, New York, USA**  
**Commissioning Q4 2020**  
**5,000 tonnes of LIBs/year**



**Feed Conveyor and Shredder End**



**Modular Plant – Shredder Onwards**



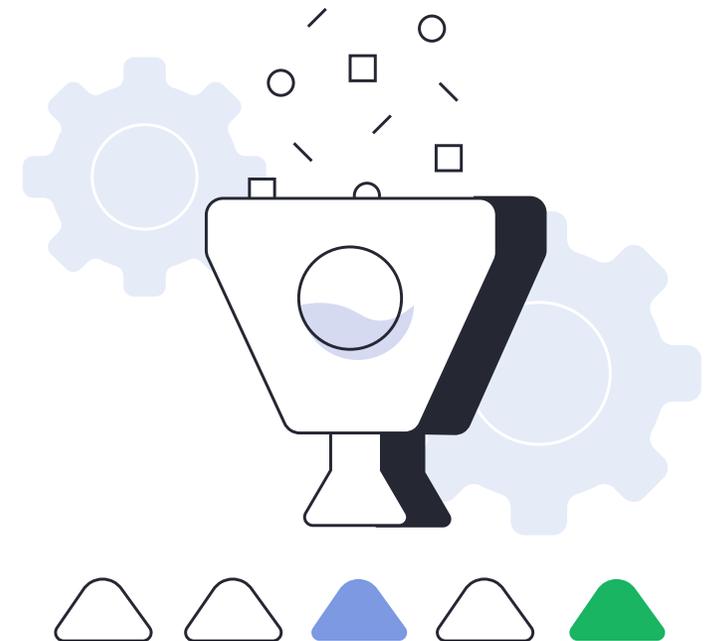
**Modular Plant – Product Outlets**



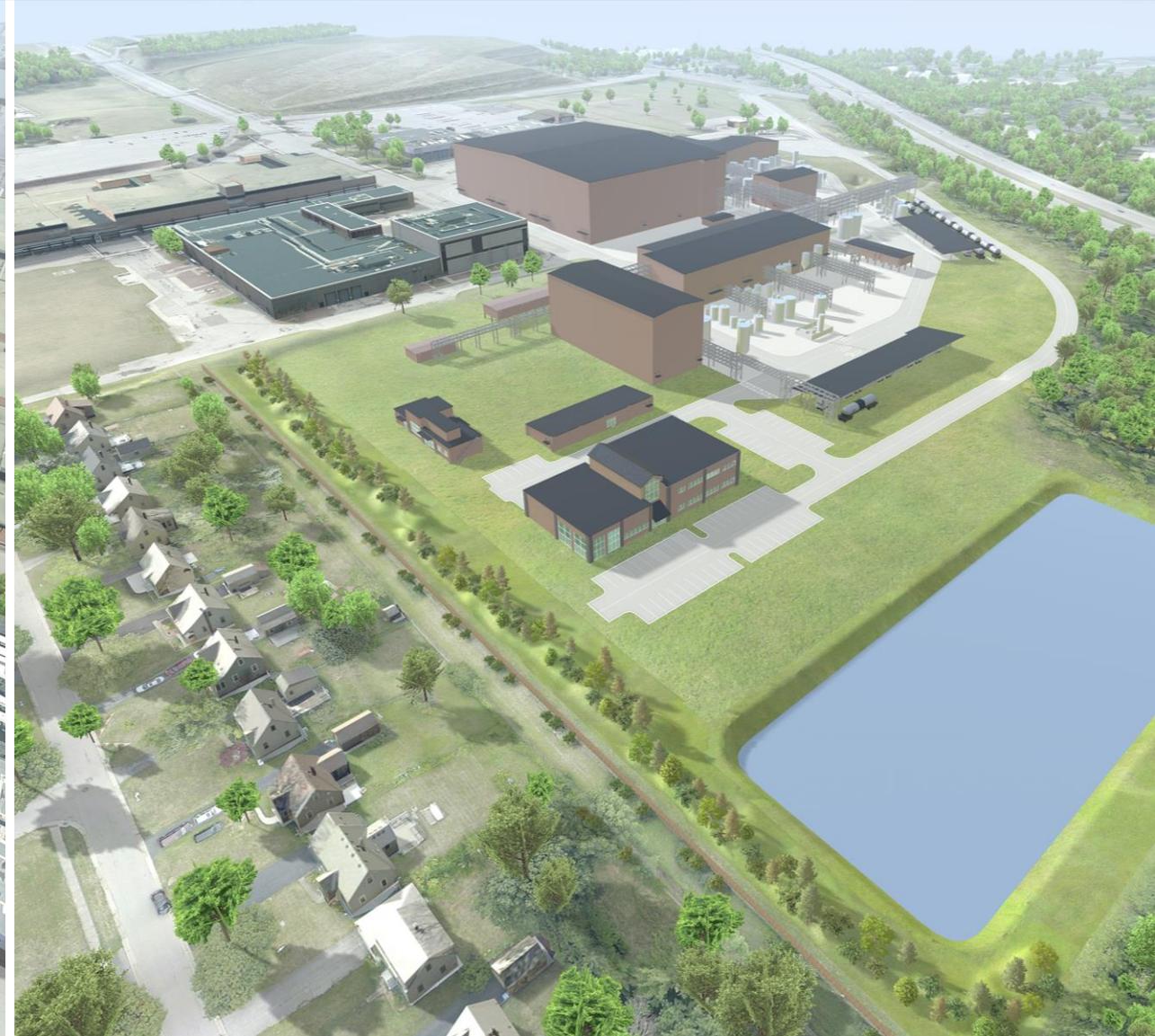
## HYDROMETALLURGICAL PROCESSING

### Hub

- ✓ Hydrometallurgy → 'wet' chemistry
- ✓ Low temperature operation (<230 deg. F / <110 deg. C)
- ✓ Recovery of battery-grade lithium carbonate
  - ✓ It has been traditionally very difficult for other technologies to recover lithium – both in terms of recovery and in terms of producing a battery-grade end-product
- ✓ Recovery of battery-grade cobalt sulphate and nickel sulphate
- ✓ Minimal solid waste for disposal
- ✓ Closed-loop recirculation of water with zero liquid discharge (ZLD) bleed treatment
- ✓ Low impact air emissions. No fluorine air emissions



# LI-CYCLE COMMERCIAL HUB PRELIMINARY RENDERINGS



# LI-CYCLE HUB WILL PRODUCE HIGH PURITY BATTERY MATERIALS



Lithium Carbonate



Nickel Sulphate



Cobalt Sulphate



## Li-Cycle Hub End Products – Key Differentiators

- Li-Cycle reproduces battery grade and high purity materials
- Li-Cycle end products are “future proofed” – providing the building blocks of batteries that are not at risk of technological obsolescence (unlike the production of active battery materials, e.g., cathode)

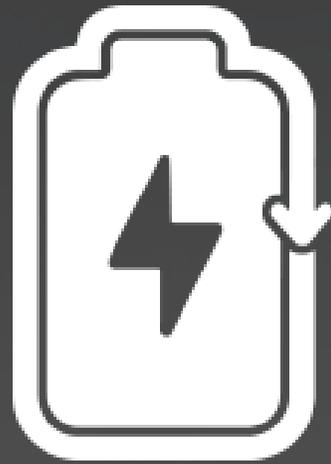
# THE MOST SUSTAINABLE AND ECONOMIC SOLUTION



		Li-Cycle Spoke & Hub Technologies	Smelting or thermal pre-treatment + refining	Cathode-to-cathode
Recycling efficiency rate <sup>(1)</sup>		Up to 95%	≤ 50%	30% (cathode proportion only)
Battery chemistry & charge agnostic		✓	✗	✗
Non-thermal, zero impact air emissions		✓	✗	✗
No landfill waste or wastewater		✓	✗	✗
Minimal human operating risk		✓	✗	✗
"Future proofed"		✓	✗	✗



Source:  
 (1) Recycling Efficiency Rate (RER) is defined as [(The mass exiting the process and returning to the economy / The battery material mass entering the process) x 100%]



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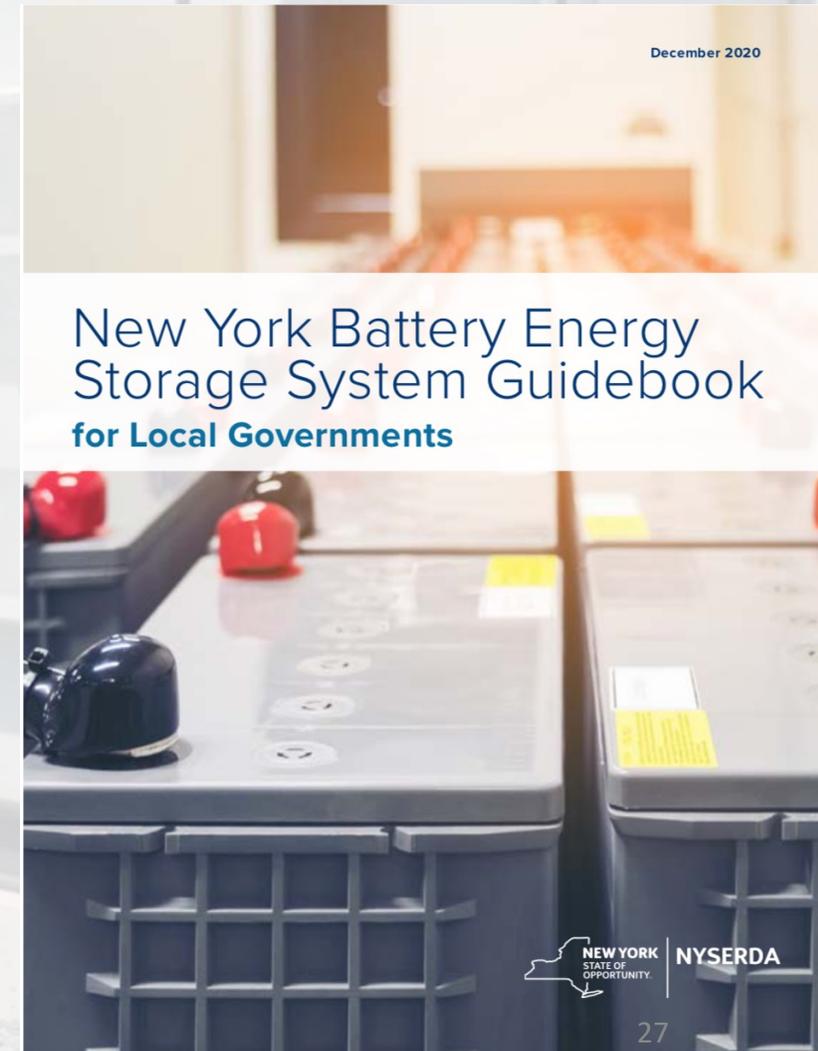
# NYSERDA Resources for Local Governments

## NY Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook:

- Model Zoning Law
- Model Permit + Inspection Checklist
- 2020 NYS Uniform Code References

## NYSERDA Clean Energy Siting Team

- Work one-on-one with municipal boards & local officials to provide free technical assistance
- Offer free accredited trainings for code enforcement officials or planning/zoning board members



# Q&A

## Helpful links:

- [Energy Storage Guidebook for Local Governments](#)
- [NYSERDA Energy Storage Program](#)

For additional assistance, reach out to [cleanenergyhelp@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:cleanenergyhelp@nyserda.ny.gov)



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# Battery Energy Storage Systems: Key Considerations for Local Governments

# Final Webinar in Series:

# Taxation & Assessments (Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>)

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NYSERDA is pleased to host a series of webinars intended to equip local governments across New York State – including municipal board members, first responders, code enforcement officers, and other community stakeholders – with the knowledge and resources required to ensure responsible battery energy storage system development.

This webinar series, featuring presentations from NYSERDA staff as well as external subject matter experts, will cover a range of key topics related to battery energy storage systems which are particularly important for communities and local governments.

Events in this series will be held biweekly on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. ET.

Register for each session of interest using the registration links.

**Questions?** Email NYSERDA's Clean Energy Siting Team: [cleanenergyhelp@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:cleanenergyhelp@nyserda.ny.gov)

## Battery Energy Storage Systems 101

**Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

*Featured Speakers: Dr. Stanley Whittingham, 2019 Nobel Laureate for Chemistry; Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, SUNY Binghamton*

Gain an introduction to key concepts and technologies associated with battery energy storage systems, as well as an overview of relevant New York State (NYS) goals, policies and programs.

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## Fire Safety

**Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

*Featured Speakers: NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC), Energy Safety Response Group (ESRG)*

Learn about key fire safety considerations for battery energy storage systems, including a discussion of best practices for first responders, as well as a review of important regulations found in the 2020 NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

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## Zoning and Permitting

**Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

*Featured Speakers: NYSERDA Clean Energy Siting Team*

Dive into the valuable resources available to local governments in NYSERDA's Battery Energy Storage System Guidebook. These tools are designed to assist municipalities in implementing zoning, permitting, and inspection processes for battery energy storage installations.

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## Decommissioning and End-of-Life Considerations

**Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

*Featured Speakers: DNV and Li-Cycle*

Explore best practices for the treatment of battery energy storage systems at the end of their useful life – including system recycling and disposal – as well as an introduction to decommissioning plans for energy storage installations.

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## Taxation and Assessments

**Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

*Featured Speaker: Hodgson Russ, LLP*

Learn about New York State and local tax treatment of battery energy storage systems, including information regarding assessments and payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreements.

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