

Fire Safety Working Group Deliverables



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1. Fire Safety Working Group Deliverables

Governor Hochul's Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group produced numerous documents that provide useful information and resources with respect to energy storage fire safety. Links to copies of those deliverables are provided below for reference.

1. Fire Code Recommendations Report

On February 26, 2024 Governor Kathy Hochul released recommendations from the Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group, outlining enhanced safety standards for battery energy storage systems. The recommendations informed development of the 2025 Fire Code of New York State, adopted on July 25, 2025. These recommendations helped codify enhanced safety standards that continue to position New York as a national leader in responsible and reliable battery energy storage development.

[Fire Code Recommendations Report \[PDF\]](#)

2. Press Releases to Date:

- July 26, 2024: [Draft Fire Code Announced to Enhance Safety Standards for Battery Energy Storage Systems](#)
- February 6, 2024: [Governor Hochul Releases Initial Recommendations From Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group](#)
- December 21, 2023: [Initial Findings Released From Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group On Emergency Response](#)
- July 28, 2023: [Governor Hochul Convenes Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group Following Fires in Jefferson, Orange, & Suffolk Counties](#)

3. New York State Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group Air, Soil, and Water Data Findings

On December 21, 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul released initial findings from the Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group, which was convened following fires at battery energy storage systems at facilities in Jefferson, Orange and Suffolk Counties this summer. The Working Group has made significant progress in evaluating both preventive and reactive standards and practices for battery system fire safety, in addition to analyzing the impacts of the fires. Based on available analyses of air quality, soil, or water data collected in the days following the incidents, the Working Group concluded that there were no reported injuries and no harmful levels of toxins detected. Additionally, statewide battery system project assessments and fire code reviews are currently underway with draft recommendations expected to be released for public comment in the first quarter of 2024.

[NYS Data Collection Report \[PDF\]](#)

4. Local Government Webinar: Deploying Safe Lithium-Ion Energy Storage in Your Community

- [View Webinar](#)
- [Download Presentation Slides \[PDF\]](#)

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Fire Safety Working Group Deliverables, please email questions to cleanenergyhelp@nyscrda.ny.gov or request free technical assistance at nyscrda.ny.gov/Energy-Storage-Guidebook. The NYSERDA team looks forward to partnering with communities across the State.