



Salt River Project

Codes and Standards related to Energy Storage



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Codes and Standards related to BESS

2019 wrapped up the latest editions of these documents:

2021 IFC

International Fire Code

*Better alignment
between the
requirements in IFC,
IRC and NFPA 855*

*Options for large scale
fire test per UL9540A*

2021 IRC, IBC

International Residential Code

*More detailed
requirements on where
BESS can be placed in
Residential Structures*

*Reference to items
needing to be Listed to
UL 9540*

2020 NFPA 855

*First Edition of the
Standard was issued
without scope due to
questions regarding
conflicts with NESC C2*

*Good Reference
Document*

Code Changes of Interest:

2021 IRC – Section 327 – Energy Storage Systems – Kept exception for “repurposed unlisted battery systems from electric vehicles”

Kept UL 9540 listing and labeling requirements

2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) –

Added definitions of EV Supply Equipment (EVSE)

EV Capable Space and EV Ready Space

2021 IECC Section 404.2 and 2021 IRC Section 1104.2

New construction shall facilitate future EVSE

1 and 2 family dwellings shall provide 1 EV Ready Space

Complete with a branch circuit labeled EV Ready

Multi-family units shall provide spaces:

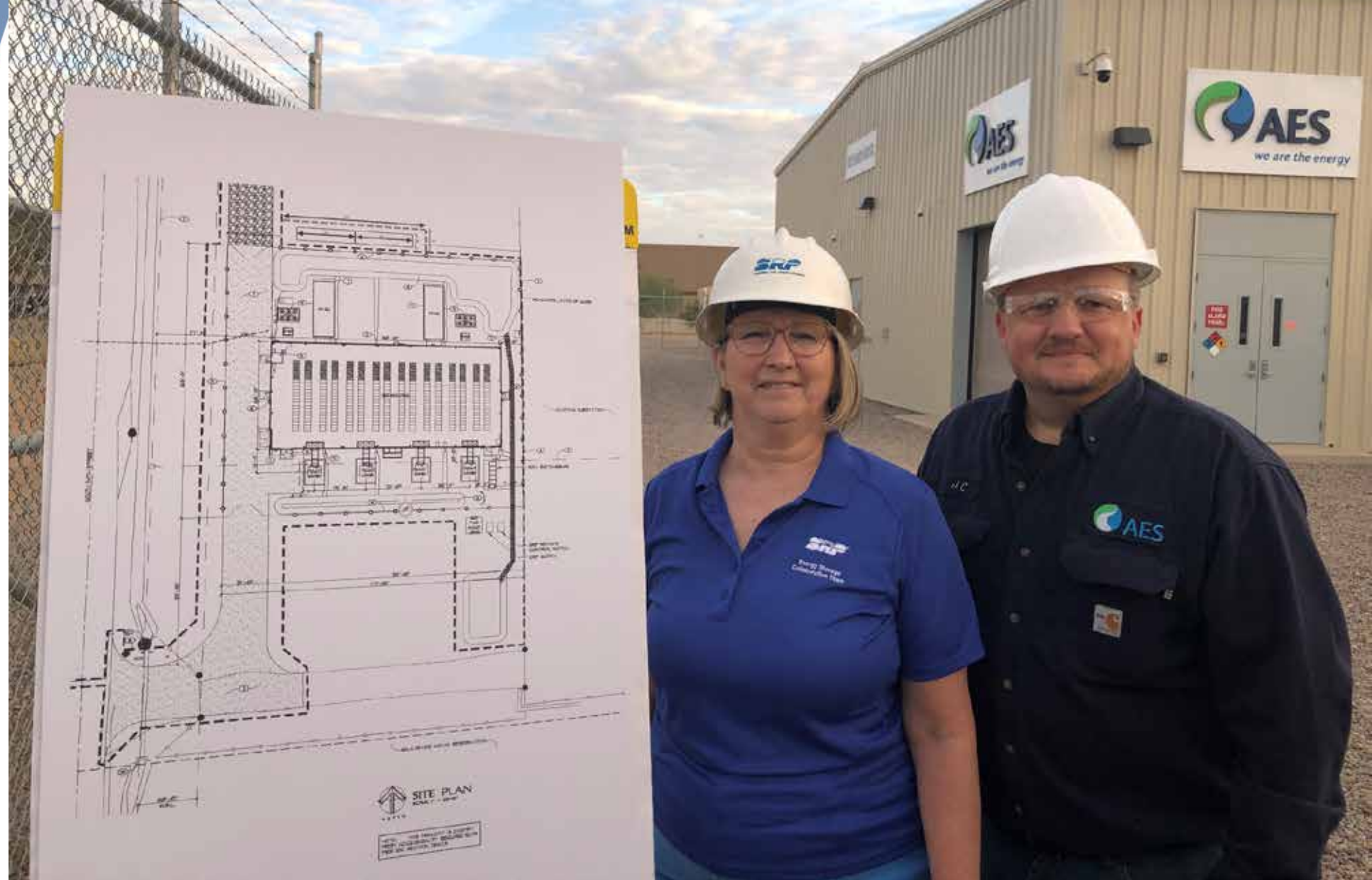
2-10 units -> 2 EV Ready

11-15 units -> 2 EV Ready and 3 EV Capable

16-19 units -> 2 EV Ready and 4 EV Capable

20-25 units -> 2 EV Ready and 5 EV Capable

26 + units -> 2 EV Ready and 20% of total parking spaces EV Capable







Understanding the hazards
and planning the response

Is someone inside?

First action – Shut off the power?
Do we have adequate signage to
know what to shut off, and what
will cut off our eyes and ears?

SME's Readily Available?



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