

# **FE Minute**

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# **Standards Updates**

## **Recently posted:**

- Passenger Elevators
- BACS Guidelines
- Electronic Safety and Security
- Soils and Planting Preparation
- Tufts and Grasses

## **Arriving soon:**

Bus Shelters

## **Roof Mounted Solar Panels**

#### **New Building Design**

- Solar needs to be part of the design from the beginning.
- Design to elevate solar above roofing system a minimum 3'.

#### **Existing Roofs**

- Verify with manufacture adding solar will not void current warranty
- Verify existing membrane is not past the half way point of its life expectancy
- During design- keep in mind water migration, do not interrupt water flow
- During design consider roof safety, access to roof drains and safety tie-off
- Membrane protection, travel paths, staging and roof loading locations
- Roof Pm twice a year Spring and Fall
- Require roof inspection at the completion of the project.

# **Energy Storage System Supplement**

- Supplement to NYS Fire code
- Issued in September 2019
- Battery Types & Capacities (See next slide)
- Construction Documents Requirements
  - Details, Commissioning Plan, Decommissioning Plan, Hazard Mitigation
     Analysis, Large Scale Fire Testing, Fire Remediation, Analysis Approval, Fire
     Mitigation Personnel, Peer Review
- Exceptions

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TABLE 608.1
ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM THRESHOLD QUANTITIES

TECHNOLOGY	ENERGY CAPACITY <sup>a</sup>
Lead-acid batteries, all types	70 kWh (252 Megajoules) °
Nickel-cadmium batteries (Ni-Cd)	70 kWh (252 Megajoules)
Nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH)	70 kWh (252 Megajoules)
Lithium-ion batteries	20 kWh (72 Megajoules)
Flow batteries <sup>b</sup>	20 kWh (72 Megajoules)
Other battery technologies	10 kWh (36 Megajoules)
Capacitor energy storage systems	3 kWh (10.8 Mega joules)
Other electrochemical energy storage systems technologies	3 kWh (10.8 Mega joules)

- a. Energy capacity is the total energy capable of being stored (nameplate rating), not the usable energy rating. For units rated in Amp-Hours, kWh shall equal rated voltage times amp-hour rating divided by 1000.
- b. Shall include vanadium, zinc-bromine, polysulfide-bromide, and other flowing electrolyte type technologies.
- c. 50 gallons of lead-acid battery electrolyte shall be considered equivalent to 70 kWh.

