



# Do energy storage plants need a production license

Who licenses thermal power plants in California?

The California Energy Commission licenses thermal power plants 50 megawatts or greater in California and ensures they operate in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations.

What is an energy storage system?

An energy storage system (ESS) for electricity generation uses electricity (or some other energy source, such as solar-thermal energy) to charge an energy storage system or device, which is discharged to supply (generate) electricity when needed at desired levels and quality. ESSs provide a variety of services to support electric power grids.

Is a thermal power plant necessary in California?

California's electrical grid requires reliable power generation to serve homes, farms, and businesses. The California Energy Commission licenses thermal power plants 50 megawatts or greater and ensures they operate in compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

What does the European Commission say about energy storage?

In March 2023, the European Commission published a series of recommendations on energy storage, outlining policy actions that would help ensure greater deployment of electricity storage in the European Union.

What is a small power plant exemption (SPPE)?

More information: [Synopsis of the Power Plant Siting Process](#) The Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) program allows CEC to exempt from its licensing authority thermal power plants that do not exceed 100 MW. The CEC's review is pursuant to CEQA and California Code of Regulations, Title 20.

Will FERC license a new PSH project in 2023?

However, as of February 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which permits and licenses non-federal PSH projects in the United States, reports pending licenses for 2,672 MW of new PSH capacity in California, Massachusetts, and Wyoming.



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