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## **Fears are misinformed**

The BESS project is good for our community. I had one neighbor send me a copy of an opposition letter she submitted. It cited research showing the toxic and flammable gasses released by various battery chemistries, including LFP batteries, but what she may not have understood was that the study was looking at off gassing of batteries already in a thermal runaway state. The fact is that under operating conditions, LFP batteries are extremely safe, and do not release harmful gases. Nearly everything releases harmful gasses when it's in a thermal runaway state (i.e. on fire). Much like the fear of cell towers, most people with safety concerns about this are uninformed or misinformed or for some reason fail to understand the science they find when they do their own research. This should be addressed with education from a trusted entity. The BESS project is good for our regional power grid and good for our community. With prudent safety measures, it should serve our community well for decades.