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## **This must not be permitted**

The Compass BESS project should not be installed in such a high density residential area – see the Moss Point fire in January 2025 for details. If it IS approved by the CEC, the battery assemblies need to be placed in compartments with double walls, to contain the highly toxic Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) gas that a fire would produce. Such a fire could release over 2000 pounds of it.

At the Moss Point fire, it took days for the EPA to install detectors to measure the HF, after it had already dispersed. If this installation is built, there need to be operational and tested sensors in place BEFORE such a thermal runaway and fire.