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## **Possible fire hazard to a highly residential area**

My neighbor attended a meeting regarding the proposed energy storage facility. A speaker gave a scientific and technological explanation of these facilities, concluding they aren't inherently bad (we need them in fact), but NOT nestled in a residential community, against hills covered in brush, and with a stream going through the property.

This technology has only been around since 2011 and has been the source of 88 documented fires, 13 fires in 2023 alone. The most recent one being the closure of I-15 near Baker for 3 days by Hazmat after a semi-truck carrying these batteries caught fire. The freeway only opened up yesterday afternoon. When these fires happen the chemical exposure is so bad the area must be evacuated. They are difficult fires to extinguish because they burn super hot, often times from explosion.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



San Bernardino County Fire 

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Truck Fire Hauling Lithium Ion Batteries Causes Hard Closure on 15 Freeway Near Baker

UPDATE: 2:20PM:

Baker: (Update) Additional resources requested to the incident. Enroute / on scene:

3 chief officers

4 engines including BLM

1 pm squad

1 hazmat

3 water tenders

1 command post

1 ambulance


Heavy equipment / excavator

Approximately 25 Firefighters

 No updated estimates on fwy closure.

 Crews working on suppression / mitigation plan with HazMat, CHP, CalTrans, & BLM

11:30am:

 BAKER: [#SBCoFD](#) is on the scene of a TRUCK FIRE, MM 113 NBI15. ME53 has reported an overturned semi with a fuel/oil leak, hauling a