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I will not feel safe living close to a lithium battery storage facility. My home is within a mile from the proposed facility and I am very concerned about the possibility of a fire occurring within the facility. This has happened at several similar facilities, and the fires have been very difficult to extinguish. The fires can last for days and can potentially foul the air with toxic chemicals, put firefighters at risk, and spread the fire to surrounding areas.

I understand the need to store electrical energy within the electrical grid and am not opposed to the concept. However, there is an urgent need to design these storage facilities to significantly reduce the chances of a fire getting started and spreading throughout the facility. Until that happens, I will not feel comfortable living so close to one.

In addition, we are already in a high risk fire area. Our homeowners insurance was cancelled a few years ago due to this issue. Eventually we found a company to insure us, but having a facility so close by with the potential to cause a fire may make it even harder to find insurance.

Please take these issues into consideration.

Thank you.