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Can a battery storage system circumvent local zoning regulations?

As noted above, Act 233 of 2023 (the "Siting Legislation") allows energy companies seeking to construct utility-scale battery storage systems the option to circumvent local zoning regulations by applying for permitting through the Michigan Public Service Commission (the "MPSC"). See MCL 460.1222 (2).

What is a battery energy storage system?

Battery energy storage systems (sometimes called battery storage power stations, energy systems, or "BESSs") are systems that collect and store energy to be discharged to the grid at a later time (i.e., the battery will be "charged" by surplus energy during low energy demand times and "discharge" energy to the grid during high demand times).

Will new EPA rules improve recycling of end-of-life solar panels & lithium batteries?

EPA is planning to propose new rules to improve the management and recycling of end-of-life solar panels and lithium batteries.

What will streamlined universal waste regulations mean for solar panels?

The streamlined universal waste regulations are expected to promote the collection and recycling of solar panels and encourage the development of municipal and commercial programs to reduce the quantity of these wastes going to municipal solid waste landfills.

This E-Letter discusses one of the more recent renewable energy land uses, battery energy storage systems, and what a township may want to consider when drafting zoning ...

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By developing resources that describe key considerations and show what types of regulations have been adopted in other towns and counties, we hope that including common ...

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Selecting the right site for a battery storage station is critical. The land requirements vary significantly based on the scale of the project, ...

It briefly summarizes the market forces and land-use issues associated with BESS development, analyzes existing regulations for these systems, and offers guidance for new regulations ...

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