



# Lithium battery safe storage Chile

Is lithium ion battery storage available in Chile?

While many projects are under development, lithium - ion battery storage is still limited. According to data from Acera, the Chilean Renewable Energy Association, there are only 64MW of battery storage capacity currently active, representing 0.2% of national capacity.

Is Chile ready for a battery storage project?

Battery storage projects cannot come soon enough for Chile. While Chile has been at the forefront of renewable energy generation growth in Latin America for close to a decade, that growth has most recently undergone serious growing pains.

Are battery energy storage systems a viable alternative for Chilean power producers?

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How much battery storage capacity does Chile have?

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How much does a battery cost in Chile?

In fact, batteries charged at nearly \$0/MWh during the day in the sunny, northern desert regions of Chile, sell energy at night for over \$100/MWh. Although projects such as Engie's BESS Coya are already enjoying these large spreads, this capacity payment will partially de-risk Chile's dependence on volatile, but still profitable, merchant revenues.

Is lithium a critical energy resource in Chile?

The global and regional significance of lithium as a critical energy resource is examined. The evolution of Chile's lithium industry is analyzed, emphasizing two recent key policy initiatives: the 2015 National Lithium Commission report and the newly launched national lithium strategy. The salient features of these initiatives are outlined.

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Chile's environmental impact assessment system has approved the 250 MW/1.25 GWh Battery Energy Storage System - BESS La Isla project. The La Isla facility will be located on a 5.6-hectare site in the



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commune of Llay Llay, in the province of San Felipe, Valparaíso region.

Realizing this, Chile has started to implement - and has become a regional leader in - lithium-ion battery energy storage systems, in an effort to manage its energy reserves more...

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Engie Chile, meanwhile, has two lithium-ion battery storage systems in operation, with a total capacity of 141 MW. At the beginning of next year, the company will inaugurate a 264 megawatt-hour, 96-battery facility, taking ...

The project utilizes lithium-ion batteries and stores the energy generated by the 180-MW Coya photovoltaic plant. According to the Chile government website, BESS Coya has an important environmental benefit as well, since it supplies about 100,000 residences with green energy and thus avoids 65,642 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year.

The AES Los Andes Solar PV Park - Battery Energy Storage System is a 112,000kW lithium-ion battery energy storage project located in Calama, Antofagasta, Chile. The rated storage capacity of the project is 560,000kWh. The electro-chemical battery storage project uses lithium-ion battery storage technology. The project will be commissioned in ...

Three greater than 100 MW renewable energy projects are under development and will have a lithium-ion battery storage component. As of November 2021, the Coordinador Eléctrico Nacional (CEN), Chile's electric grid coordinator, reports that 50 renewable energy projects totaling 2,696 MW are currently classified as in the process of entering ...

This paper provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of lithium in Chile, with a forward-looking assessment in the context of the ongoing national lithium strategy. The global and regional significance of lithium as a critical energy resource is examined. The ...

Potential vulnerabilities of the global battery supply chain will be an important consideration for sponsors and lenders in BESS projects. Lithium-ion batteries are currently the predominant technology for battery storage, with lithium and cobalt being key raw materials used for its production.



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