

DECATURY BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY

Exhibit A-1.9 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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A-1.9.a – The Emergency Response Plan (ERP) shall include:

- 1. Evidence of consultation or a good-faith effort to consult with local first responders and county emergency managers to ensure that the ERP is in alignment with acceptable operating procedures, capabilities, resources, site access, etc.**
- 2. An identification of contingencies that would constitute a safety or security emergency (fire emergencies are to be addressed in a separate Fire Response Plan (FRP)).**
- 3. Emergency response measures by contingency.**
- 4. Evacuation control measures by contingency.**
- 5. Community notification procedures by contingency.**
- 6. An identification of potential approach and departure routes to and from the facility site for police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency vehicles.**
- 7. A commitment to review and update the ERP with fire departments, first responders, and county emergency managers at least once every 3 years.**
- 8. An analysis of whether plans to be implemented in response to an emergency can be fulfilled by existing local emergency response capacity, and identification of any specific equipment or training deficiencies in local emergency response capacity.**
- 9. Other information the applicant finds relevant.**

Refer to the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) provided in **Appendix 1.9-A – Emergency Response Plan**.

A-1.9.b – Changes to the design, type, manufacturer, etc. of facilities or equipment after the initial filing must be analyzed to determine if changes are necessary to the ERP. Additional consultation with local fire departments, first responders, and county emergency managers is required for amended plans.

If the Project's design, type, or manufacturer of facilities and equipment changes after the initial filing, The Applicant is committed to analyzing the ERP for any necessary updates and consulting with local fire departments, first responders, and county emergency managers regarding any amended emergency response protocols.

Appendix 1.9-A: EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Atwell	Atwell, LLC
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
MPSC	Michigan Public Service Commission
SPCC	Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan

1 INTRODUCTION

This Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is intended to fulfill the Exhibit A-1.9 requirement of Decatur Battery Storage Project's (Project) application for Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) approval of a Renewable Energy Certificate. It summarizes all means and procedures for a rapid response in case of emergency situations. Please note that, pursuant to the Public Act 233 of 2023 Application Filing Instructions and Procedures document, fire emergencies are not addressed in this ERP and are instead addressed in a separate Fire Response Plan found in **Exhibit A-1.10** of this application.

This plan has been developed to prevent, mitigate, and effectively respond to an emergency, should one occur. It includes a Project overview, security measures for the Project, emergency and routine shutdown procedures, identifies potential contingencies that would constitute a safety or security emergency, and outlines what the emergency response, evacuation control, and community notification procedures are in the event of an emergency.

Please note that the emergency protocols described herein only pertain to the regular operation of the project and do not include construction activities. The Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Team will provide separate safety measures and protocols before and during construction of the Project.

Decatur Energy Storage, LLC (Applicant) will review and update this ERP with local fire departments, first responders, and county emergency managers at least once every 3 years. The Applicant's goal is to ensure the ERP remains comprehensive, up-to-date, and fully aligned with local and industry standards, thereby enhancing overall preparedness and response capabilities for all types of emergency incidents.

1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project is located in Decatur Township, Van Buren County, Michigan. The Project, a proposed 50-MW battery energy storage system (BESS) facility, will utilize approximately 7.3 acres of fenced-in area located on approximately 8.9 acres of participating land. The Project components consist of the following: forty-four (44) Tesla Megapack 3 batteries, eleven (11) pad-mounted transformers, underground electrical collection system, substation, overhead transmission line connection, laydown yard, access road, security fencing, and retention basin.

The Project site plan is depicted in **Exhibit A-1** of this application.

1.2 OPERATIONAL AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

The following people are responsible for the operation, maintenance, and safety of the Project. In addition, the Applicant has monitoring and operating capabilities from their remote operation and control center.

In the event of an emergency, dial 911

Table 1. Operational and Emergency Contacts

Company	Contact	Job Function	Phone Number	Email
Decatur Energy Storage: non-emergency	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Decatur Energy Storage: emergency	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Police Department	Decatur Police Department	Police Response	Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 269-423-2171	n/a
Fire Department	Decatur-Hamilton Fire Department	Fire Response	Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 269-423-2601	dhfd1400@gmail.com

1.3 LOCAL CONSULTATION

The Applicant is in the process of consultation to collaborate with local first responders and county emergency managers to ensure this ERP aligns with existing operating procedures, capabilities, and resources. Feedback received from those conversations, will be incorporated into this ERP to ensure that it aligns with the capabilities of local emergency managers and first responders.

Additionally, the Applicant provided access to site layouts, maps, and designated ingress and egress point to facilitate site access during emergencies. The Applicant remains committed to ongoing collaboration with these stakeholders to ensure that the ERP remains comprehensive, effective, and fully aligned with local emergency response requirements.

1.4 GENERAL SAFETY

Decatur Energy Storage is committed to keeping the community safe during operation of the project. The Project website will be kept up to date with all emergency response contact information and will also include project information to keep the public informed.

The Project is designed to promote safety during operation in accordance with applicable township, county, state, and federal requirements, as well as industry best practices. The Project will have an seven-foot-high security fence to prevent unlawful trespass and access to equipment. Decatur Energy Storage staff will remotely monitor the facility 24/7, ensuring prompt and appropriate responses to any potential emergency situations.

Decatur Energy Storage staff will perform scheduled and unscheduled maintenance including periodic operational checks and tests, and regular preventive maintenance on all BESS equipment, related facilities, equipment, safety systems, controls, instruments and machinery.

The Applicant has provided an Emergency Access Route map which displays the approach and departure route to and from the facility component for police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency vehicles.

1.5 CONTINGENCY PLANS

The following contingencies would constitute a safety or security emergency. These contingencies require robust emergency response protocols, staff training, and coordination with local emergency services to ensure readiness and safety.

1.5.1 Medical Emergency

If there is a medical emergency on site, the following procedures should be followed:

1. Notify the appropriate authorities by dialing 911 and direct them to the Project access point identified on the site plan. If necessary, while awaiting emergency medical personnel arrival, utilize on-site first aid kits and automated external defibrillators to provide initial care.
2. Access the area for hazards and secure the area to protect additional life from injury.
3. Local authorities should contact the Decatur Energy Storage site manager to determine the appropriate response procedures and methods for safe access and, if necessary, proper shut down measures of any project components.

1.5.2 Electrical Hazard

Access to areas of the Project that include electrical hazards will be restricted, with warning signs prominently displayed to prevent unauthorized entry. Trained personnel will be notified to address the issue safely, equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including arc flash protective gear and insulating gloves, to mitigate the risk of electric shock or injury. Personnel should evacuate the area if the electrical hazard poses health or safety risks.

1.5.3 Severe Weather and Natural Disasters

The Project is designed and will be constructed to withstand extreme weather events such as thunderstorms, snowstorms, high winds, hail, and lightning. Each of the batteries has a weatherproof steel enclosure is rated IP66 (NEMA 4), preventing unauthorized access and protecting internal components from environmental factors. In addition, the Applicant has monitoring and operating capabilities from their remote operation and control center and can shut down operations if needed when severe weather occurs.

In the event of a natural disaster, Decatur Energy Storage will take measures such as:

1. Ensuring damaged equipment and areas are not accessible to the public.
2. Working with local authorities to ensure safe passage on the roads or near any damaged areas.
3. Evaluating all equipment for damages and repair once natural disaster event concludes to restore full and safe Project operations.

1.5.4 Hazardous Material Spill

The Project operation will not produce any hazardous air emissions, industrial waste, or chemical waste. The Decatur Energy Storage will be trained to manage any chemicals, such as lubricants and solvents, associated with regular Project operations. The only potential contaminant that will be stored on site is the inverter oil (likely mineral oil), which arrives pre-sealed within the inverter. In the event of a leak, a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan (SPCC) will be followed, and the affected Project components will be disassembled and either repaired or replaced.

1.5.5 Outside Threat

Project design includes several measures that are put in place to prevent unauthorized access to the BESS facility, the project substation, and other project components. The seven-foot-tall security fence with one foot of barbed wire on top will be installed on the perimeter of the BESS facility and all access points to prevent unauthorized access and potential harm to an individual. As stated in Section 1.5.4, each of the batteries has a weatherproof steel enclosure, preventing unauthorized access to the battery cell.

If there is an emergency on site such as trespassing, vandalism, or any threat of violence, the following procedures should be followed:

1. If there is a firearm involved, leave the area immediately.

2. Get to a safe place with an exit door and lockable entrance door, if possible.
3. Notify the appropriate authorities by dialing 911 and direct them to the Project access point identified on the site plan.
4. Local authorities should contact the Decatur Energy Storage site manager to determine the appropriate response procedures and methods for safe access and, if necessary, proper shut down measures of any project components.

1.6 EVACUATION CONTROL AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION MEASURES

In the unlikely event of an emergency that requires evacuation of adjacent landowners or notification of the broader community, the Applicant in coordination with public emergency services will ensure that all necessary parties, including landowners adjacent to Project components and on-site personnel, are contacted so that they can safely evacuate. Evacuation control measures for each contingency are designed to ensure the safety and accountability of all personnel, visitors, and contractors while minimizing risks. These measures are detailed out below.

1.6.1 Medical Emergency

In the case of personnel health emergencies, evacuation measures focus on facilitating rapid access for emergency medical responders. Personnel not directly involved in aiding the situation are directed to a safe area away from the emergency site to prevent interference and maintain safety. For pandemic-related emergencies, containment protocols may involve limiting on-site personnel to essential staff only, with others evacuated to remote work locations. This type of contingency typically would not constitute the need for community notification.

1.6.2 Electrical Hazard

Local emergency services will be informed immediately in the event of a significant electrical hazard. Community updates will be issued if the incident impacts public safety, such as through a power outage or nearby hazards.

1.6.3 Severe Weather and Natural Disasters

For natural disasters or severe weather events, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, or earthquakes, personnel are directed to designated secure indoor shelter locations or other reinforced structures. If evacuation is necessary, the predetermined egress route must be utilized unless deemed unsafe, in which alternate muster areas shall be identified. Personnel are strictly prohibited from remaining in unsafe outdoor areas during high winds or lightning. The site leader

shall ensure all personnel are accounted for using sign-in logs at muster points and communicate evacuation updates as weather conditions evolve.

Community notification for contingencies such as natural disasters are generally not required unless the event poses a direct threat to surrounding areas. In such cases, the site manager shall coordinate with local emergency management agencies to provide relevant updates, ensuring alignment with community safety measures. For instance, if severe weather causes structural damage or increases the risk of debris impacting nearby areas, local authorities must be informed immediately.

1.6.4 Hazardous Material Spill

If a hazardous material spill occurs on site, all Project personnel should evacuate to a safe distance from the spill and avoid areas downwind or downhill from the spill. Established muster points shall be used to account for personnel while the spill is assessed, and containment measures are implemented in accordance with the SPCC. If the spill poses a community risk, further actions will be determined in coordination with public emergency services.

1.6.5 Outside Threat

If an emergency occurs on site involving outside parties such as explosives, firearms, or other severe threats of violence, Decatur Energy Storage will immediately notify local authorities. All Project staff onsite will evacuate the area as quickly as possible.

1.7 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ROUTES

The Project site plan provides the location and identification of the approach and departure route for police, fire, ambulance, and other emergency response vehicles. East South Street provides direct access to the facility's entrance and connects to Old Swamp Road. The perimeter of the facility is surrounded by tree cover and the facility cannot be easily accessed by emergency response vehicles apart from the proposed access road. Therefore, East South Street is the Project's designated primary approach and departure route for all emergency response vehicles.

Maps detailing this access route will be provided to local emergency response teams during pre-construction coordination meetings and annual site safety reviews. This information will also be displayed at Project control points and shared with emergency personnel to ensure a coordinated and effective response to a fire emergency. As outlined in Section 1.2 of this ERP, any feedback from local emergency managers and fire responders regarding emergency response routes will be integrated into this plan.

1.8 LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY

The typical operations of the Decatur Battery Storage Project will not create nuisance or safety hazards due to dust, noise, smell, vibration, smoke, or lighting. The Project includes engineering and safety controls that can effectively prevent or detect and respond to fire emergencies. The Project site will be monitored 24/7 by Decatur Energy Storage staff members who can promptly notify the appropriate personnel in the event of an emergency.

Inspections and preventative maintenance are performed consistent with industry practice and manufacturer recommendations based upon BESS hours, age, and performance history.

Consequently, the Project is not expected to require additional local emergency resources. The Applicant will coordinate with local emergency services to provide site orientation and familiarize them with access and safety protocols prior to construction, confirming existing local capacity can effectively support emergency response.