



*Fire Prevention and Emergency Planning –  
Grid Parallel*

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## 1. FIRE PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY PLANNING OVERVIEW

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The following document is provided only as a guide to assist you in complying with national and local codes and requirements, as well as to provide other helpful information. It is not intended to supersede the requirements of any standard. You should review the standards for particular requirements that are applicable to your individual situation, and make adjustments to this program that are specific to your company. You will need to add information relevant to your facility in order to develop an effective, comprehensive program.

## 2. FUEL CELL SYSTEM INSTALLATION SAFETY FEATURES

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The fuel cell system has redundant safety features and in-system checks to ensure that the system will not harm certified technicians or bystanders near the unit. While the actual fuel cells operate at high temperatures, these components do not move, and are contained within many layers of insulation. During normal operation, the unit is cool to the touch and operates quietly.

The fuel cell system is controlled electronically and has internal sensors that continuously measure system operation. If safety circuits detect a condition outside normal operating parameters, the fuel supply is stopped and individual system components are automatically shut down. A Bloom Energy Remote Monitoring and Control Center (RMCC) operator can also remotely initiate any emergency sequence. An Emergency Stop alarm condition initiates an automatic shutdown sequence that puts the fuel cell system into —safe modell and causes it to stop exporting power. If you have questions about any of these safety features, please contact Bloom Energy.

**If you have to shut down your fuel cell system right away**—for example, in case of a building fire or electrical hazard—three shutoff controls are installed at your facility external to the system. The locations of these three controls should be known to your facilities manager before operation, and should be noted on your facility diagram that you created with your Bloom Energy account manager. The three shutoffs are the **EPO button**, the **electrical disconnect**, and the **natural gas shutoff valve**.

- An **Emergency Power Off (EPO) Button** cuts all power to all systems and stops them from exporting power to your building. All natural gas flow is also stopped within the systems. (The EPO button is on the front/side of the EDM, if an EDM is installed.) Lift the protective cover and break the glass seal that covers the button with the attached hammer. After the glass seal is broken, the shutdown sequence will automatically begin.



Figure 1: Emergency Power Off Button

- An **electrical disconnect** manually disconnects systems from the grid if needed. Pressing the EPO button should already stop any power transmission, but it does not hurt the systems to also open this disconnect if you believe it is needed. The location of this disconnect will vary, however it is typically located near the point of interconnection where the wires from the fuel cell installation meet the facility's electrical framework. This may be inside your facility's electrical room, or if the fuel cell installation is near the electrical room, it may be found within the switchgear that Bloom Energy installs. This location of this disconnect is shown on the Site Map (see below) and is labeled "(name of electrical utility) Lockable Visible Generator Disconnect Switch".



Figure 2: Electrical Disconnect

- A **manual natural gas valve** shuts down all natural gas to the system. If the valve operator is perpendicular to the pipe, the valve is shut. If it is parallel with the pipe, the valve is open.



Figure 3: Manual Natural Gas Valve

**Site map:**

- An overhead site map showing the location of all safety features will be posted throughout the fuel cell installation
- Electronic copies are available to you for use in your site planning

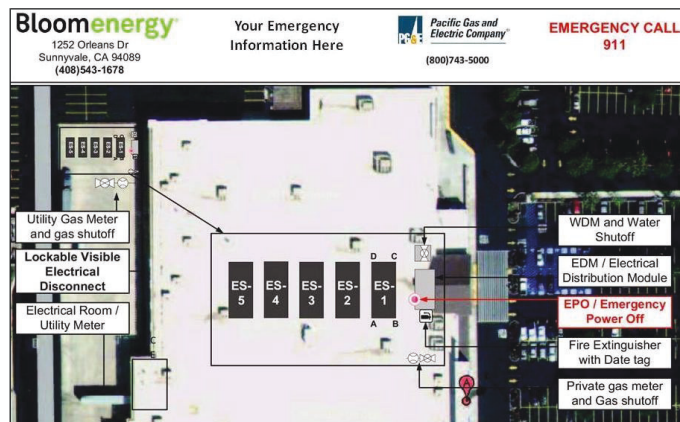


Figure 4: Sample Site Map

**Manual controls:**

- Clearly marked emergency stop button labeled —Fuel Cell Emergency Shut Down located at site
- Two manual fuel shutoff valves outside the system, and two isolation valves inside the system

**Fire hazard mitigation:**

- System is plumbed directly to utility-provided natural gas
- If system input gas pressure is compromised, a pressure switch triggers an emergency system shutdown and fuel input is isolated
- System does not use fuel compressors or pumps
- System has virtually no stored fuel (internal capacity is < 5 scf)

**Electrical hazard and mitigation:**

- System operates at 480V
- Signs inside the system warn of the risk of electric shock
- System has backfeed protection
- System inverter prevents grid backfeed during a power outage

**Mechanical hazard and mitigation:**

- Finger/hand guard protection is provided on all fans
- All moving parts are located behind secured doors

**Material hazard mitigation:**

- Desulfurizer bed (to remove fuel impurities) are fully enclosed
- Maintained and serviced by licensed vendors

**3. EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES**

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**Life-Threatening Emergencies**

To report life-threatening emergencies, immediately call:

<b>Fire:</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Ambulance:</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Police:</b>	<b>911</b>

Conditions that require automatic emergency notification include:

- Unconscious Victim
- Seizure
- Major Trauma
- Chest Pains
- Difficulty Breathing
- Flames

**Non-Life-Threatening Emergencies**

For non-life-threatening emergencies, report the incident to the local safety control center.

When you report an emergency, give the following information:

- Exact nature of the emergency (describe as clearly and accurately as possible).
- Exact location (i.e., address, building, floor, area, department, etc.).
- Telephone number from which you are calling.
- Your full name.
- **Do not hang up**, as additional information may be needed.

To assist in any subsequent investigation or determination of corrective actions, it is recommended to record the following items as close to the incident time as possible:

- Summary of any violation

- Identification of responsible parties
- Identification of victims and witnesses
- Description of evidence
- Description of general conditions
- Description of any vehicles involved
- Narratives from witnesses
- Any photographs

## 4. FIRE OR SMOKE PROCEDURES

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This section describes the procedures involving a fire or smoke. A major fire is one that requires the use of more than one fire extinguisher or takes more than one minute to extinguish.

If you discover a fire or smoke:

1. Activate the nearest fire alarm if not activated already.
2. Activate the fuel cell Emergency Stop if possible.
3. Shut off the fuel cell installation natural gas line if possible.
4. If the fire is small and does not pose an immediate risk to personal safety, you may attempt to extinguish it with a portable fire extinguisher **only if trained to do so**.
5. Avoid using water on electrical fires.
6. Report every fire, regardless of size, immediately. Smoke or the smell of smoke should be reported.
  - From a safe location dial **911**.
  - Report the incident to the local security safety center.

## 5. MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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This section describes the necessary procedures for injuries or illnesses that may occur under extreme conditions.

A serious injury can be life-threatening and will require immediate medical attention. Injuries can include head injuries, spine injuries, broken bones, heart attack, stroke, loss of consciousness, excessive bleeding, chemical exposure, etc.

A non-serious injury is not immediately life-threatening but may still require the attention of a medical doctor. These can include headaches, nausea, itching, cuts, burns, etc.

### Life-Threatening Medical Emergency

1. Remain calm.
2. Immediately dial 911.
3. Report the incident to local security safety center.
4. Do not move the victim unless it is absolutely necessary.
5. Call out for personnel trained in first aid and/or CPR which may include Building Evacuation or Emergency Response team members.



6. Ask someone to bring the area first aid kit and Automated External Defibrillator.
7. Assist if capable or asked to do so.

### **Non-Life-Threatening Medical Emergency**

1. Remain calm.
2. Report the incident to the local security safety center.
3. Do not move the victim unless it is absolutely necessary.
4. Call out for personnel trained in first aid.
5. Ask someone to bring the area first aid kit.
6. If the victim requires further medical attention, then direct them to the nearest approved medical clinic or hospital – Contact Security or Human Resources for assistance if needed.
7. The injured employee’s supervisor/manager is responsible for ensuring injury forms are properly filled out. Complete the forms within 24 hours of incident and submit to the injury reporting system for follow-up. Follow company protocols.

## **6. MATERIALS RELEASE PROCEDURES**

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The fuel cell system does not pose a hazard to health or environment. However, some internal materials when released, may pose a irritation risk to people and a possible risk of fire if not properly handled. This section was designed to address potential material release events:

In case of a material release that poses a direct threat to health, safety, or the environment:

1. Report the incident to local safety/security office.
2. If extremely life-threatening immediately dial **911** followed with a call to Security.
3. Contain the spill.
4. Evacuate the area or building if the material release is determined to be life-threatening.

In the event of an unknown indoor smell or odor, report the incident to authorities responsible for HAZMAT and spills.

## **7. NATURAL DISASTERS AND SEVERE WEATHER**

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### **7.1 Earthquake**

This section provides information and procedures for earthquake emergencies.

The fuel cell system is designed to automatically shut off if the natural gas supply is compromised.

The natural gas supply line has an external, manual shut-off valve that should be activated if it is safe to do so. This valve will be labeled, “Notice – Fuel Cell Gas Shut

Off". The natural gas line will be labeled with the word "gas" on a yellow background with an arrow pointing in the direction of flow.

The nearby Emergency Stop can be activated to stop the flow of fuel and power to/from the fuel cell system.

A Bloom Energy Field Engineer will validate site safety and system operation during/after severe weather as necessary.

## 7.2 Flood

The fuel cell system support pad is designed to divert water flow. However, if flooding conditions exist, or threaten to exist due to heavy rainfall, creek bank overflows, or pipe breakage, then immediately report the incident to the local safety/security office.

Do not use the fuel cell power system if any part has been under water. If it is safe to reach the Emergency Power Off button for the site without entering the water, stop all systems until a Bloom Energy representative can assess the site.

Precautions to follow after a flood:

- Stay out of flooded areas. Flooded areas remain unsafe. Entering a flooded area places you at risk.
- Notify Bloom Energy. A Bloom Energy Field Engineer will validate site safety and system operation during/after severe weather as necessary

## 8. UTILITY OUTAGE

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The fuel cell system is operated in "Grid-Parallel" mode. If utility provided power is lost for any reason, the fuel cell system will go "off-line". The fuel cell system will remain in stand-by mode until it automatically senses the utility grid has been restored. If utility gas is shut down, the fuel cell system will begin to shut down completely.

The Bloom Energy Remote Monitoring Control Centers monitor the fuel cells 24 hours per day and will be alerted to utility grid interruptions via its controls software. A Field Service Engineer will be dispatched to restart the fuel cell system if necessary. Customer personnel should NOT attempt to start up or operate the fuel cell system.

### Before a Planned Outage

- Notify the Bloom Energy Remote Monitoring Control Center at 1-408-543-1678 at least 24 hours before planned outage.
- Bloom Energy Remote Monitoring Engineers will reduce power generated by the fuel cell system and take the fuel cell off-line.
- Abrupt fuel cell system shutdowns may cause significant system damage.

### During a Utility Power Loss

- The fuel cell system will automatically go off-line.
- The Bloom Energy Remote Monitoring Control Centers will monitor the fuel cell system.
- Bloom Energy Field Service will be dispatched to start up the fuel cell system as necessary.
- If the fuel cell system has been automatically shut down and utility power is restored, there will be no impact to building power delivery: primary power will come from the utility rather than the fuel cells.

## 9. GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE

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### 9.1 Good Housekeeping

Although extremely unlikely, to minimize the risk of fire and any incidents, Facility Managers should take the following precautions around the fuel cell installation:

- What to do if you smell gas:
  - Do not try to light any appliance
  - Do not touch any electrical switch; do not use any phone in the area
  - Leave the area immediately
  - Immediately call your gas supplier. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
  - If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department
- Notify Bloom Energy Remote Monitoring Control Center at 1-408-543-1678 of any condition that would impair the safety of the fuel cell installation so that mitigation measures could be determined and placed into effect.
- Prohibit smoking within the area of the fuel cell installation. Bloom Energy will furnish No Smoking signs for the area.
- Ensure only Bloom Energy Service Providers are permitted access inside the system.
- Keep the area around the fuel cell installation clear for ten feet in all directions, for safety and ease of maintenance.
- Keep the area around the fuel cell power system clear and free of combustible materials, gasoline, and other flammable vapors and liquids.
- Shut the system down and call Bloom Energy immediately if you suspect a fuel line rupture.
- **Never enclose an operating system** in a tarp, tent, shed, or other structure that would allow air to become trapped. This system runs on natural gas, and produces trace amounts of CO and CO<sub>2</sub>. The amounts of these gases are safe for normal outdoor operation but could gather in an enclosed place.
- Do not block or obstruct air openings on the fuel cell power system. This system requires air flow in order to operate.

- Do not use this fuel cell power system if any part has been under water. Immediately call qualified service personnel to inspect the fuel cell power system and to replace any functional part which has been under water.
- Please contact Bloom Energy at 408-543-1678 with as much advance notice as possible if you plan, detect, or suspect a prolonged Internet outage.
- The Bloom Energy Field Service team will periodically clean the equipment; do not spray with pressurized hoses.

## **9.2 Maintenance**

Your site has specific Field Service personnel assigned to it for both routine maintenance and troubleshooting. Your site project manager will introduce you to the designated Bloom Energy Field Service team assigned to your site prior to operation.

Bloom Energy Field Service personnel are trained in state Safety Law. They are trained in all the procedures required for the fuel cell installation, and their toolkit includes all the safety equipment required to work around the fuel components and high voltage in our system (480VAC).

Bloom Energy also requires its employees to follow all necessary safety precautions, including:

- Every time a Field Service technician arrives at a site for the first time and opens a service panel, the technician will use a leak detector to determine whether there is any gas buildup in the system and determine that it is safe to work on it.
- Whenever a Field Service technician is removing and replacing a component on a fuel or exhaust line, the technician must keep a CO detector nearby to make sure that no CO is present in the line even after the system has been shut down.

The Field Service team expects to conduct quarterly and yearly preventative maintenance for certain types of consumable or cleanable components such as replacement of air filters, water filters, and desulfurizer beds. Other maintenance will be performed as required. During such times, inspections for any hazards will be conducted including quarterly fire extinguisher inspection (if applicable).

## **10. TRAINING**

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Prior to system startup, a Bloom Energy representative will provide training on the fuel cell installation to include the location and operation of safety features as well as actions to take during emergencies. We desire this training to provide lasting value and are more than happy to work with you to customize the experience to suit your needs.