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Van Zandt County Fire Marshal Issues Order to Taaleri Energia (Project Amador)

On Friday March 21, 2025, Van Zandt County Fire Marshal issued an order to Taaleri Energia to conform to all applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards per Texas Local Government Code Chapter 233 and NFPA 855 (2020 ed). Taaleri Energia started construction of a Battery Energy Storage Facility (BESS) near the intersection of FM 47 and FM 1651 in December of 2024.

Requirements that must be completed according to the Order of the Van Zandt County Fire Marshal include:

1. Application for the permit for new construction and pay the applicable fee.
2. Submit container test results conducted by a Underwriters Laboratory (UL) certified laboratory.
3. Submit a survey of the construction site for review and approval.
4. Submit a site-specific hazard mitigation plan.
5. Submit a site-specific emergency response plan.
6. Provide documentation that a permanent water source will be available in proximity to this location.

Taaleris Energia Project Amador is ordered to comply with all relevant fire codes and permitting process by April 7, 2025, and prior to any batteries arriving in Van Zandt County.

County Judge Andy Reese stated, “I am proud of the work being done by our Fire Marshal to protect the safety of the residents near this facility. I am working diligently and aggressively with Fire Marshal Kevin Palmer and our District Attorney Tonda Curry to ensure that we are using every available legal tool to force Taaleri to comply with all provisions of NFPA 855. The DA assures me that appropriate court action will be taken if Taaleri does not comply with the Fire Marshal’s order.”

For additional information, contact the Van Zandt County Fire Marshal Kevin Palmer at 903-567-6026 firemarshal@vanzandtcounty.org.