

## **A new fire at the Moss Landing lithium battery plant ignited**

The new blaze follows a fire at the same facility near Monterey Bay in late January.

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A new fire [flared up at the Moss Landing battery plant](#) in Monterey Tuesday evening, weeks after a previous blaze forced evacuations in the Monterey Bay area.

At about 6:30 p.m., county officials reported light smoke emanating from the Vistra battery facility that burned late last month. Officials asked residents to close their windows and doors overnight “out of an abundance of caution,” according to an advisory posted on Facebook.

Fire crews, Vistra representatives and other local officials were on-site monitoring the fire Wednesday morning. County officials reported the fire under control by 11:46 a.m. and said nearby air quality had been in the “good” range over the last 24 hours.

“Public safety agencies continue to monitor the situation and community air particulate matter and metals monitoring are ongoing,” county spokespeople wrote on Facebook.

Investigators have not yet determined the cause.

Smoke did not appear to be near the unaffected battery modules from last month’s fire, county officials said Tuesday evening. Residents who said they suffered adverse health effects from toxins the fire spewed into the soil and waterways have [filed a lawsuit](#) against Vistra, the Texas company that runs the plant, and Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

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