34.5/115 kV Solar Power Plant & Substation Senior Design Project

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Agenda

- Safety Moment
- Site Visit
- AutoCAD Drawings
- Voltage Drops



Safety Moment - Piling Stocking and Shelving Hazards

Hazards of improper stocking

- Back injury
- Stricken by equipment or accessories
- Damage to items or racking systems
- Improper securing items cause injury

Preventing hazards

- Correct form of lifting objects
- Heavier items on the lower or middle section.
- Sack items on even flat surfaces
- Keep pathways and aisales clean



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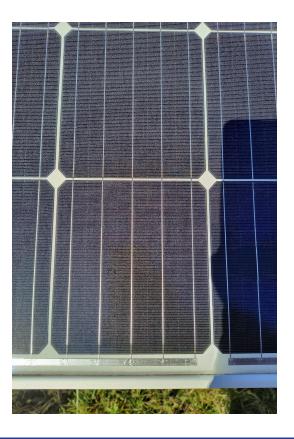
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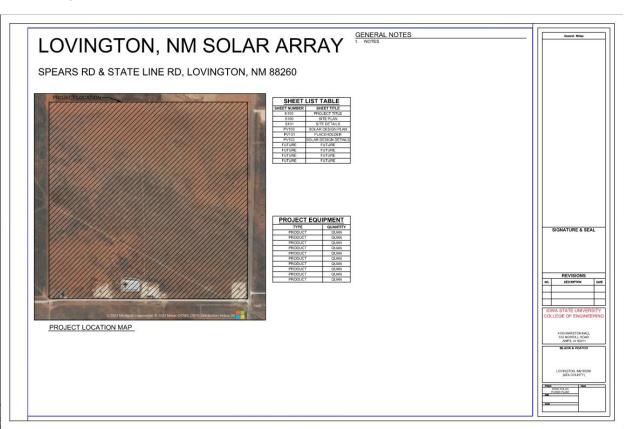








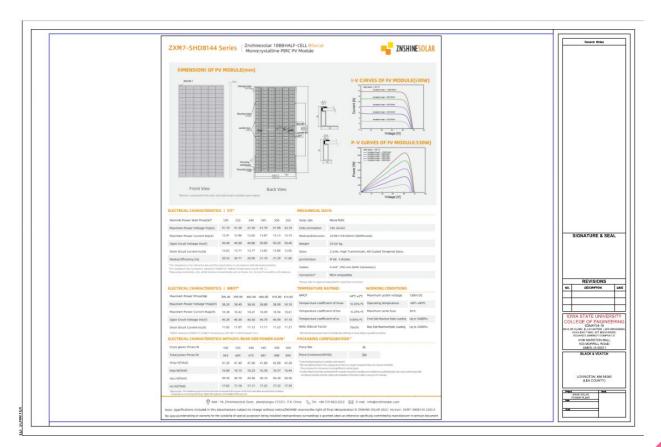
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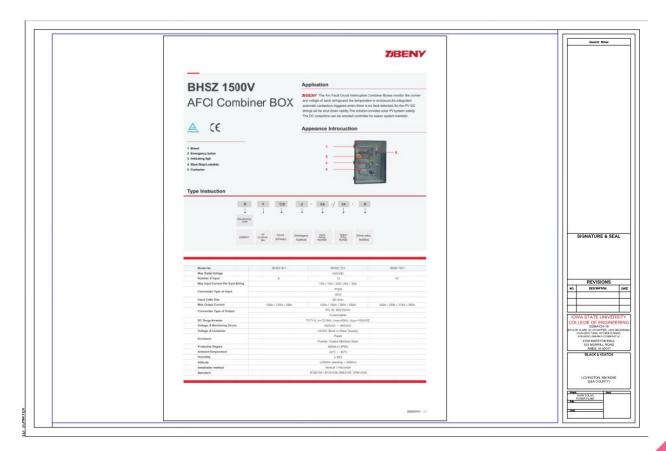
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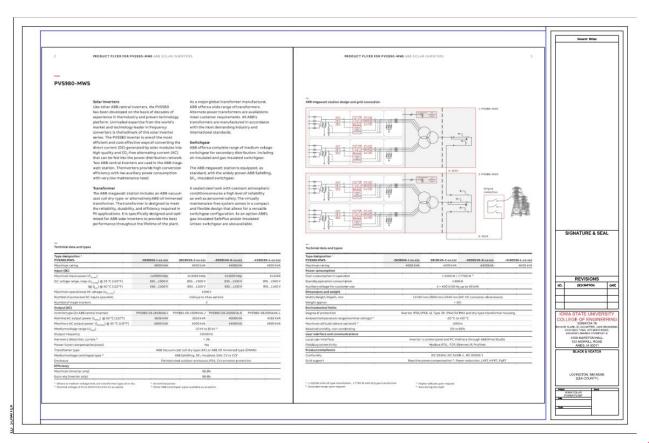
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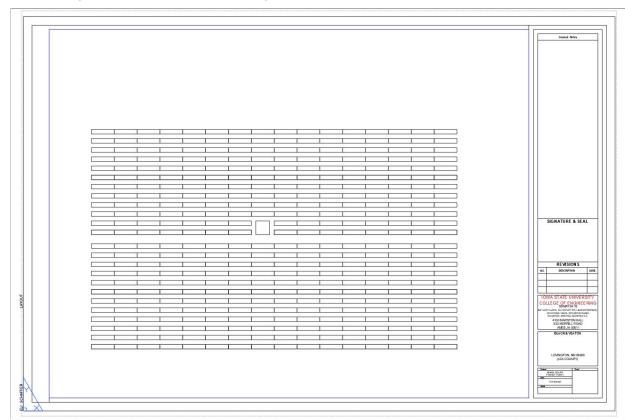
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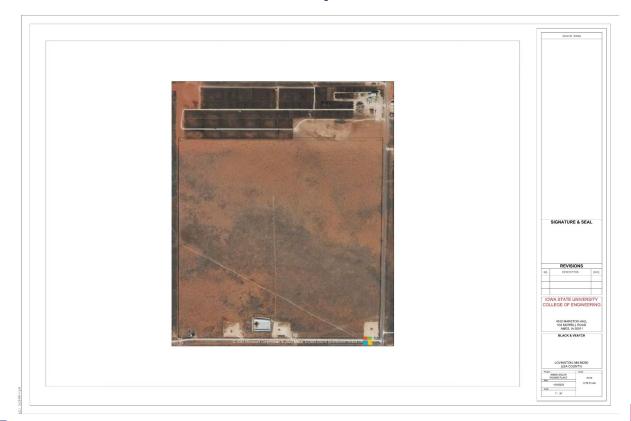
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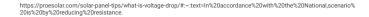
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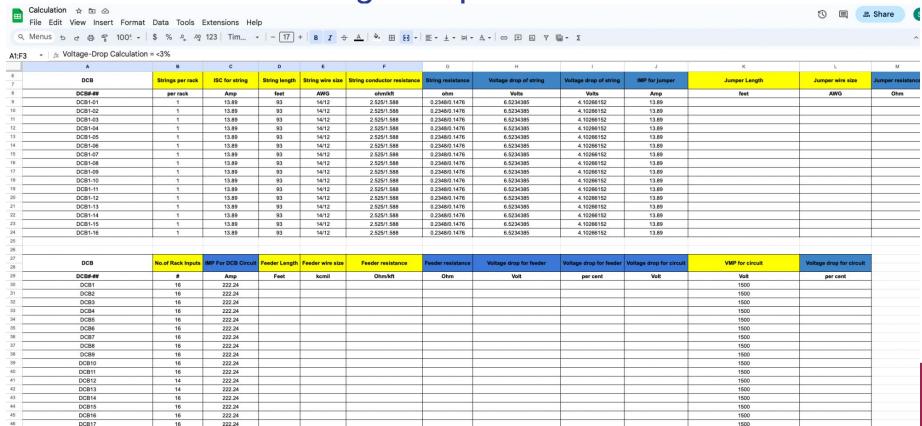


Voltage-Drop calculations

- In accordance with the National Electric Code (2017 NEC 210.19), an ideally designed solar array should be able to keep voltage drop below 3%.
- Voltage drop reduces the efficiency of the solar energy system. Using small wires and having a long wiring run may lead to potential power losses and cause the solar energy system to not live up to its expected power needs. Even though it is impossible to completely eliminate voltage drop, minimizing it below 3% should be enough to eliminate any significant energy loss and maintain the solar efficiency.
- Parameters set up by referring to NEC Table 8 Conductor Properties and NEC AWG Chart



Excel Sheet for Voltage Drop



https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FV_eP3owzE4OOfz0dbgijHGbeqEIAQ8JDowW-ktVsm4/edit?usp=sharing

Feedback and Updates

- Looks good
- Include as much as we can w/ Details
- Possible 1-axis tilt or fixed next week Chicheng
- Liam Overall Array Layout
- Eli Sheet Setup/Title
- Baylor Site Plan
- Eduardo Typical Array Layout
- Bell Voltage Drops (if applicable)/Cost Analysis

