

[BWSR Letter/Email Template for communications to adjacent neighbors on protecting Habitat Friendly Solar Site from chemical/pesticide exposure]

[DATE]

Dear [ADJACENT LANDOWNERS AND OPERATORS, INCLUDING PUBLIC ENTITIES- SUCH AS STATE, COUNTY, OR TOWNSHIPS],

Please be advised that the adjacent property at [ADDRESS], site of an [UPCOMING OR EXISTING] [TYPE OF SOLAR FACILITY], [NAME OF PROJECT], in cooperation with [NAME OF COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, OR OTHER LGU] and the State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources' Habitat Friendly Solar Program standards, *will not be treated with insecticides and needs to be protected from drift of such treatments from adjacent areas* [OR INSERT APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE APPLICABLE TO YOUR SITE]. This project will meet the Habitat Friendly Solar Standards and provide multiple benefits for wildlife such as birds and pollinators. The state program has a focus on minimizing impacts from pesticides including insecticides and herbicides and a requirement to contact surrounding landowners.

Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and other chemical can unintentionally drift into wildlife habitats during application, or move into the habitats through water resources, and harm or kill wildlife. Unintentional chemical drift can be decreased when chemicals are applied under ideal conditions according to their label. [OPTIONAL Please contact us if you are interested in discussing appropriate setbacks and application conditions in order to protect wildlife species.] See the fact sheet Protecting Conservation Plantings from Pesticides on the BWSR website <http://bwsr.state.mn.us> for additional information.

We appreciate your assistance in helping to meet these goals to protect wildlife species. Please let us know if you have any questions on the Habitat Friendly Solar Program.

Sincerely,
[NAME, ADDRESS, COMPANY, CONTACT INFO]

CC: [BWSR, COUNTY OR LOCAL OFFICIALS, OTHER APPROPRIATE CONTACTS]