

Nationwide CCAA for Monarch Butterfly on Energy and Transportation Lands

Example Incidental Take Self-Certification Form for Buffer Zone Activities

Landowner Name:

Date:

Designee Name (if applicable):

Property Description: *Include any relevant identifying information for all participating properties*

Adjacent Certificate of Inclusion Holder ([Rights-of-Way Company or Agency](#)):

Confirmation of Take Coverage

Complete this form and retain for your records if you wish to confirm and document coverage under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the incidental take of monarch butterflies. You are not required to submit this form to the U.S.F.W.S. Refer to the *Landowner Guide* for guidance on completing this checklist.

To obtain this take coverage, the following conditions must be met:

Note: take coverage of monarch will not apply if these conditions are not fully and consistently implemented

- Property is/are located on, or within 100 feet of, **adopted** acres on right-of-way lands enrolled in the CCAA (see Section 4 - Landowner Buffer Provision Process in the *Landowner Guide*)
- Proposed activities on the property (underlying easement and/or within the 100-foot buffer zone) include at least one of the monarch conservation measures identified in Table 1
- Proposed activities will not result in any of the following:
 - Take (defined below) of federally listed or proposed animal species other than monarch. (Please use the [IPAC website](#) to determine if any listed or proposed animal species may be present on your property.)
 - Impacts to federally listed or proposed plant species
 - Impacts to federally designated or proposed designated critical habitat
 - Affect historic properties or cultural resources
 - Conflict with any applicable foreign, state, local, tribal, or other Federal laws

Take is defined as: “to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect or attempt to engage in any such conduct.” **Harass** is defined as: “to intentionally or negligently, through act or omission, create the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavior patterns such as breeding, feeding, and sheltering.” **Harm** is defined as: “to perform an act that kills or injures wildlife; may include significant habitat modification or degradation when it kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns including breeding, feeding, or sheltering.”

Table 1 - Conservation Measures (see Landowner Guide Table 2 for full descriptions and examples)

Indicate which measures will be implemented within the buffer zone; at least one measure is required.

- Seeding/planting milkweed or native flowers
- Controlled grazing
- Brush removal
- Prescribed burning
- Suitable habitat idle lands/set-asides (e.g., “do nothing”)
- Timed mowing to enhance flowering plants
- Targeted herbicide treatments of invasive plants or noxious weeds (no broadcast)