



**Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity**

JB Pritzker, Governor

October 21, 2025

The Honorable Don Harmon  
President of the Senate  
327 Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Emerald Solar, LLC**

Dear President Harmon:

This letter serves to inform you that the Department has designated Emerald Solar, LLC as an Illinois High Impact Business/Utility Scale Solar Power Business for its solar power facility (Emerald Solar) located in Greene County, Illinois. The designation shall be effective upon the date of certification for a period not to exceed 20 years.

I have enclosed a copy of the Certification for Designation. This designation entitles Emerald Solar, LLC to the exemptions described in Section 51 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Denney of my staff at [ben.denney@illinois.gov](mailto:ben.denney@illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

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The Honorable John F. Curran  
Minority Leader  
309G Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Emerald Solar, LLC**

Dear Leader Curran:

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The Honorable Tony M. McCombie  
House Minority Leader  
316 Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Emerald Solar, LLC**

Dear Leader McCombie:

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The Honorable Emanuel "Chris" Welch  
Speaker of the House  
300 Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Emerald Solar, LLC**

Dear Speaker Welch:

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The Honorable C.D. Davidsmeyer  
Co-Chairman  
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability  
202-N Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Emerald Solar, LLC**

Dear Representative Davidsmeyer:

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The Honorable David Koehler  
Co-Chairman  
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability  
323B Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: Utility Scale Solar Power Facility - High Impact Business Designation for Emerald Solar, LLC**

Dear Senator Koehler:

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## CERTIFICATION FOR DESIGNATION

Pursuant to Section 5.5 of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, 20 ILCS 655/ et seq., as amended, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity hereby designates the following company as a High Impact Business Utility Scale Solar Power Facility and is therefore eligible for the exemptions described in Section 5I of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.

**BUSINESS NAME**

Emerald Solar, LLC

**FEIN#**

88-3940099

**PROJECT NAME**

Emerald Solar

**BUSINESS ADDRESS**

555 S. Mangum St, Suite 400  
Durham, NC 27701

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Greene County  
(see attached map)

**Note:**

This certification is effective upon execution by the Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a period not to exceed 20 years. This business is not designated as being located within a Foreign Trade Zone or Sub-Zone.

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**Exhibit A**

**Emerald Solar, LLC**



