This form is to be used by certified producers to document that they have communicated with landowners that prohibited materials are not used adjacent to certified land.

Certified Farm Name: 

Farmer Name: 

Neighboring Landowner Name: 

Neighboring Landowner Phone Number: 

Adjacent Property Is In... 

- Agricultural Use: [ ] Hay [ ] Corn [ ] Other: 
- Non-Agricultural Use: [ ] Residential/Law 

What inputs are applied to the neighboring property? 

Does the neighboring landowner maintain a buffer from your certified fields? 

If yes, what size is the buffer? 

Which certified organic field(s) does this property border? 

I, ______________________, do verify that I have communicated with the adjacent landowner regarding their land management practices over the previous three years.

I have confirmed with my neighbor that no materials considered prohibited by the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) have been applied to their property for three years within the buffer distances described below.

If prohibited materials have been applied to the adjacent property within the buffer distances below in the past 3 years or are applied in the future, I agree to maintain an appropriate buffer to harvested certified organic crops within the field under my management.

Signature of certified organic farmer: ______________________ Date: ________________

When is a Buffer Needed?

VOF recommends organic producers maintain a minimum 50-foot buffer zone from adjacent agricultural land that uses substances prohibited by the NOP, unless the buffer consists of a dense hedgerow. In this case, a 30-foot minimum buffer may be sufficient.

VOF recommends organic producers maintain a 15-foot buffer from residential properties that use prohibited substances.

Buffer zones must be maintained for at least three years after the last application of prohibited pesticides or fertilizers on adjacent land.