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REPORT: Efficient Solar Homes Can Cut Costs, Reduce Pollution and Save Energy
State of Texas Considering New Incentives and Standards for Solar Power, Energy Efficiency

WHAT: Environment Texas and Solar San Antonio will hold a press conference to kick off the Solar Home Tour, taking place on Saturday, and release a new report. Environment Texas Research and Policy Center's report evaluates the economic and environmental benefits of having every home built in Texas produce as much power as it uses ("net-zero energy"). President Obama, the American Institute of Architects and the cities of Austin and San Antonio have all set goals to have all new homes be net-zero energy homes in the coming years. Meanwhile, the State Energy Office and Public Utility Commission of Texas are currently considering new standards and incentives to promote solar power and make homes more energy efficient. Both the new report and the Solar Home Tour illustrate the potential for Texas to move into the future with a sustainable energy economy.

WHO: McCall Johnson, Clean Energy Advocate, Environment Texas
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WHERE: 114 Rio Bravo St. San Antonio, TX 78232 [map](#)

WHEN: Friday, October 2, 2009 at 10 a.m.

VISUALS: Solar-powered home

About Solar San Antonio:

We are a non-profit advocacy and resource center dedicated to renewable and sustainable energy applications. Since 1999, we utilize community education and strive to decrease energy costs and improve the quality of life in South Texas.

About Environment Texas:

Environment Texas Research and Policy Center investigates problems, crafts solutions, educates the public and decision-makers, and helps Texans make their voices heard in local, state and national debates over the quality of our environment and our lives.

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