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**Sales Tax**

**2017 Taxable Value for Refinery Gas**

La. R.S. 47:301(3)(f) and La. R.S. 47:301(13)(d) provide that the taxable value for refinery gas will be computed annually by multiplying 52 cents per thousand cubic feet by a fraction of which the numerator is the posted price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil on December 1 of the preceding calendar year and the denominator is \$29. The posted price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil on December 1, 2016 as reported by the United States Energy Information Administration was \$51.08. The taxable value for refinery gas for 2017 was computed as follows:

$$\$0.52 \times \left( \frac{\$51.08}{\$29} \right) = \$0.916 \text{ per MCF}$$

Accordingly, the taxable value for refinery gas for sales and use tax purposes for calendar year 2017 has been set at \$0.916 per thousand cubic feet (MCF). This price is the maximum value that can be set for refinery gas by state and local authorities.

Refinery gas valuations for previous years are as follows:

2016.....	\$0.728
2015 .....	\$1.237
2014 .....	\$1.669
2013 .....	\$1.596
2012 .....	\$1.797
2011 .....	\$1.556
2010 .....	\$1.405
2009 .....	\$0.884
2008 .....	\$1.601

Questions concerning the taxable value of refinery gas for state sales and use tax purposes should be directed by email to [sales.inquiries@la.gov](mailto:sales.inquiries@la.gov). Questions about the valuation adopted by local authorities should be directed to the appropriate local authority.

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