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Severance Tax

Notification of Changes to Oilfield Site Restoration Fee—Oil and Condensate
Effective July 1, 2018

Act 84 of the 2018 Regular Session amends and reenacts R.S. 30:87 relative to the oilfield site restoration fee. Act 84 provides that the fee is payable upon the initial disposition of each barrel of oil and condensate as opposed to being payable upon production. This change is retroactive to July 1, 2017, and requires amended returns and a reconciliation report be filed as provided below. The requirement to file the amended returns and the reconciliation report is to ensure there is no double payment of the fee for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

Taxpayers must file an amended return for each Form R-9050, *Oilfield Site Restoration Fee Return – Oil and Condensate Production* for each quarter from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. The amended returns must be filed by the original filer to report the oilfield site restoration fee based on the initial disposition of each barrel of oil and condensate instead of being based on production. The original filer must also submit one reconciliation report including all quarters on Form R-9056, *Oilfield Site Restoration Fee Reconciliation Report*. Form R-9056 is available on the Louisiana Department of Revenue’s (“LDR”) website at <http://revenue.louisiana.gov/Forms/ForBusinesses> and must be submitted in Excel format. This form and the amended returns can be submitted by email to Severance.Inquiries@la.gov or through a secure file transfer portal.

To request that a secure file transfer portal be created, send an email request to Severance.Inquiries@la.gov including the business name, representative’s name, and email address that will receive the notifications from the portal. Once the portal is created, an email will be sent from LDR to the representative instructing them to set up a username and password. Questions concerning submission of Form R-9056, the amended returns, and payment of the fee should be directed to LDR’s Taxpayer Compliance SSEW Division, Severance Tax Unit at 855-307-3893, select option 2 then select option 1.

The amended returns, the reconciliation report, and payment of any additional oilfield site restoration fee must be filed and paid by March 31, 2019. Any return, reconciliation report or payment due that is not received by March 31, 2019, will be deemed delinquent and subject to interest and penalties.

For the quarter beginning July 1, 2018, and for each quarter thereafter, taxpayers are required to report and pay the oilfield site restoration fee based upon the initial disposition of each barrel of oil and condensate.

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