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**Severance Tax**

**Application For Reduction Of The Oil And Gas Severance Tax**  
**One-Time Payment Because Of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita**

The Department has received numerous inquiries regarding the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the implementation of Act 446 of the 2005 Louisiana Legislature. Of particular concern is the amount of the one-time payment, in view of the production levels now being experienced, and the October 1, 2005, deadline for submitting requests for reevaluation of the payment amount.

The Department recognizes that the averages upon which the one-time payment amounts were based no longer reflect current activity for production facilities located in hurricane-impacted areas. Since the purpose of requiring the payment was to ensure that the revenue stream to the state and parishes remain intact during the transition to a later return due date, the Department will allow taxpayers to reduce this payment to the amount due for September 2005 production.

To receive this relief taxpayers will need to submit an Application for Reduction of the One Time Severance Tax Payment ([Application](#)) no later than October 31, 2005. The reason for the request should be noted as "Hurricane Relief." For taxpayers seeking reductions below the September 2005 production payments, additional detailed data must be submitted to substantiate the request. Requests for reductions for any other reasons are still due by October 1, 2005.

Questions should be directed to the Taxpayer Services Division at 225•219•7656, Option 1.

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