



Special Notice

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OCTOBER 1, 2009

Oil Spill Response Tax Suspension

The one-cent per barrel oil spill response tax is suspended until further notice beginning October 1, 2009.

The oil spill tax rate, reported monthly on the *Oil Spill Tax Return*, is made up of two components:

- Oil Spill Response Tax – one cent per barrel, and
- Oil Spill Administration Tax – four cents per barrel

The suspension of the oil spill response tax component reduces the total tax rate to four cents per barrel.

RCW 82.23B.020 provides that collection of the tax ceases when the fund balance in the oil spill response account reaches \$9 million. Additionally, the oil spill response tax will be re-imposed when the fund account balance dips below \$8 million.

For more information

If you have questions about the tax or filing the return, please call the Department of Revenue at (360) 902-7034.