

TAX RELIEF FOR MISSOURI FLOOD VICTIMS

The Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) has postponed many deadlines for taxpayers (“Affected Taxpayers”) who reside or have a business in any Missouri county declared a “disaster area” by the Federal government. These counties include:

- Bollinger
- Butler
- Calloway
- Carter
- Christian
- Franklin
- Gasconade
- Cape Girardeau
- Greene
- Howard
- Iron
- Jasper
- Jefferson
- Laclede
- Madison
- Maries
- McDonald
- Newton
- Oregon
- Osage
- Phelps
- Pulaski
- Reynolds
- Ripley
- Scott
- Shannon
- St. Louis
- St. Francois
- Stoddard
- Stone
- Taney
- Texas
- Washington
- Wayne
- Webster

For Affected Taxpayers, the IRS has postponed the time to file returns, pay taxes and perform other time-sensitive matters identified by the Treasury Regulations. Relief is also extended to those taxpayers whose books, records or tax professionals’ offices are in a disaster area. The postponed due date is May 19, 2008 and applies to Affected Taxpayers whose original or extended due date would otherwise fall on or between March 17, 2008 and May 19, 2008.

May 19, 2008 Filing Deadline. Affected Taxpayers will have until May 19, 2008 to file:

- Individual, corporate, and estate tax returns;
- Partnership, S corporation and trust returns;
- Estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax returns;
- Employment and certain excise tax returns; and
- Employee benefit plan returns.

May 19, 2008 Payment Deadline. Affected Taxpayers will also have until May 19, 2008 to pay all associated contributions, tax and estimated tax payments.

Unaffected Returns and Payments. The May 19, 2008 deadline, however, does not apply to information returns (i.e., Forms W-2, 1098, 1099, 5498, 1042-S or 8027). The postponement also does not apply to employment and excise tax deposits.

Casualty Losses. Affected Taxpayers have the option of claiming disaster-related casualty losses for either 2007 or 2008. Claiming the loss on an original or amended return for 2007 may accelerate the tax benefit of the loss. Generally, individuals may deduct personal property losses that are not covered by insurance or otherwise. Casualty losses, however, are limited to amounts over \$100 per event and to amounts over ten percent (10%) of the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income. Affected Taxpayers claiming the disaster loss on their 2007 return should write “Missouri Severe Storms and Flooding” at the top of the applicable form so that the IRS can expedite the processing of the refund.

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