

ADDITIONAL TAX RELIEF FOR MISSOURI FLOOD VICTIMS

INCOME TAX RELIEF

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

- Clark
- Gentry
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Linn
- Livingston
- Marion
- Pike
- Ralls
- St. Charles

The IRS also has the authority to extend due dates for other declared disaster areas. But these counties were the only counties identified as of July 14, 2008.

For Affected Taxpayers, the time to file returns, pay taxes and perform other time-sensitive matters identified by the Treasury Regulations has been postponed. Relief is also extended to those taxpayers whose books, records or tax professionals’ offices are in a disaster area.

AUGUST 29, 2008 FILING DEADLINE

Affected Taxpayers will have until August 29, 2008 to file certain returns otherwise due between June 1, 2008 and August 29, 2008. These include:

- 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.

AUGUST 29, 2008 PAYMENT DEADLINE

Affected Taxpayers will also have until August 29, 2008 to pay all associated contributions, tax and estimated tax payments.

UNAFFECTED RETURNS AND PAYMENTS

The August 29, 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 their 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 processing of the refund can be expedited.

MISSOURI UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX RELIEF

At the request of Governor Matt Blunt, the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (the "DOL") has postponed the deadline for employers located in certain flood affected areas ("Missouri Affected Taxpayers") to file their quarterly unemployment insurance tax reports. Missouri Affected Taxpayers are those employers who have a business in any Missouri county or city declared a disaster area. These include:

- Andrew
- Atchison
- Buchanan
- Cape Girardeau
- Clark
- Holt
- Jefferson
- Lewis

- Lincoln
- Marion
- Mississippi
- New Madrid
- Nodaway
- Pemiscot
- Perry
- Pike
- Platte
- Ralls
- St. Charles
- St. Louis
- St. Genevieve
- Scott
- City of St. Louis

Missouri Affected Taxpayers will have until August 31, 2008 (an additional 30 days) to file their unemployment insurance tax reports for the second quarter. Missouri Affected Taxpayers can request the extension by writing the DOL or by using the Unemployment State Tax Automated Reporting ("USTAR") system at <https://www.ustar.dolir.mo.gov/ustar>. The extension can be requested prior to the original due date or upon filing.

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