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Virginia Department of Taxation

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE IRENE

EXTENSION FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IRENE

Tax Commissioner Craig M. Burns has announced that Virginia will provide a one week filing and payment extension to certain individuals and businesses affected by Hurricane Irene.

This extension will apply to taxpayers located in the Commonwealth of Virginia who are unable to meet their filing obligations because the financial books and records they need to file their taxes, or their tax preparer, are located in cities and counties within the Commonwealth or are otherwise unavailable because of severe hurricane damage.

Individuals and businesses in these areas will automatically be allowed an additional seven days to file income and withholding tax returns and make tax payments that have a due date, or an extended due date, of September 15, 2011. Therefore, tax returns and payments that are due on September 15, 2011, will be allowed to be filed or paid on September 22, 2011. The Virginia Department of Taxation will abate interest and any late-filing or late-payment penalties that would otherwise apply.

The extension does not apply to returns or payments of sales tax or any other taxes administered by the Department of Taxation with a due date, or an extended due date after September 15, 2011.

Additional extensions or penalty waivers may be granted in hardship cases. Written requests should be emailed to TaxIndReturns@tax.virginia.gov for personal tax inquiries and TaxBusQuestions@tax.virginia.gov for business tax inquiries, or directed to:

Virginia Department of Taxation
Customer Service Section
Hurricane Irene Relief Extension
P.O. Box 1115
Richmond, VA 23218-1115

The Department of Taxation will work with taxpayers in the affected areas to minimize the impact of any collection enforcement activities that may be initiated between August 27, 2011, and September 15, 2011. Taxpayers notified of pending actions should contact the Department at (804) 367-8045 to discuss relief from actions that will create additional hardship in their recovery from the effects of the storm damages. The suspension of enforcement actions, however, will not stop the accrual of interest on delinquent accounts.

Customers are welcome to utilize Live Chat on The Department of Taxation's website at <http://www.tax.virginia.gov> to discuss account-specific question. If customers prefer asking questions by telephone, then individual income tax filers should contact the Department at (804) 367-8031; business taxpayers should call (804) 367-8037 for assistance. Information is also available through the agency's website at <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/>.