Taxation of a Barrel of Oil Produced in Neighboring States Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota

	<u>Montana</u> <u>Wyoming</u>		North Dakota	
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Base Rate	9.26%	6.00%	11.50%	
Rate on nonworking interests	15.06%	6.00%	11.50%	
Combined Base Rate (weighted)	10.23%	6.00%	11.50%	
Average Ad Valorem tax on oil		6.70%	ē.	
Total "Typical" Tax on Oil	10.23%	12.70%	11.50%	

NOTES:

Montana: Special rates for new wells and stripper wells (less than 15 bbls per day)

Wyoming: Special rates for new wells, stripper wells (less than 15 bbls per day) tertiary production, incremental work-over and recompletion, and wildcat when prices are below \$25

North Dakota: Special rates for incremental enhanced recovery and stripper wells (less than 30 bbls per day at the time of certification), and price-triggered rates for new wells, work-over, recompletion, horizontal re-entry wells.

This is a simplistic summary of complex mineral tax statutes in these states. For more detailed information on any state's specific tax treatment of oil production, contact Office of State Tax Commissioner.

Severance Tax Form Instructions State of Wyoming 2000 SEVERANCE TAX REPORT Department of Revenue 122 West 25th Street OIL Chevenne WY 82002-0110 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE USE ONLY: Operator ID: Form Type: O - Original **Taxpayer Name:** A - Amended **Contact Name: Contact Phone Number:** PRODUCTION REPORTING GROSS SALES GROSS SALES TAXABLE TOTAL TAX DUE EXEMPT RATE PERIOD GROUP CODE VOLUME VALUE **ROYALTY AND** VALUE (mmyyyy) NUMBER TRANSPORTATION NOTE: For amended returns 1 Equals the taxable value times the applicable tax rate per the Rate Code Table. (Form Type 'A') report VALUES ONLY. 2 Severance Rate Code Table for Oil (as of 1/1/2002) Severance Rate Rate NOTE: A change in Rate Code **Tax Rate** Code Mineral Type Description requires BOTH an amended BAS Oil Group No Incentives (base rate) .060 for the originally reported rate 5 Stripper up to 10 barrels per day .040 S10 Oil Group code and an original report for the S15 .040 Stripper between 11 bbls and 15 bbls per day Oil Group new rate code. 6 TER Oil Group **Tertiary Unit** .040 7 LCD Oil Group Lease Condensate .060 WRK .020 Oil Well Workover - Incremental NOTE: For amendments Total 8 REC .020 Oil Well Recompletion - Incremental Tax Due is the replacement NEW New Well .020 Oil Well will not reflect previous tax applied 9 Oil to your account. Be sure to account WLD Well Wildcat .020for tax previously applied to your Collection Well 10 COL Oil Well .015 account prior to remitting the Oil Well Renewed Production REN .015 current payment. 11 NOTE: Reporting Groups containing wells that qualify for well incentives, Rate Type "Well", must complete and attach 2002, Severance Tax Schedule. 12

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined this return and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is correct and complete.

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TO:

Oil and Natural Gas Operators

FROM:

Montana Department of Revenue

DATE:

July 1, 2001

RE:

Montana Oil/Gas Tax Filings - Responsibility of Operator

Effective for production occurring on or after July 1, 2001

What has changed?

The Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation has reduced the rate for the oil and gas privilege and license tax from .03% to .026% as authorized in 82-11-131 MCA. Because this tax is included in the Oil and Gas Production tax rates, a new COG2 form is required to be filed to reflect the reduced rates. All other production schedules remain unchanged. The reduced tax rates are effective for production on or after July 1 ,2001. This memo describes the tax rates that will be used for tax reporting beginning with the third quarter of 2001.

Filing and payment

A production tax return and its accompanying payment is due 60 days after the end of each calendar quarter. All tax payments are to be made to the Montana Department of Revenue. The first filing under these new tax rates affects production occurring on or after July 1, 2001 and is due November 30, 2001.

TAX RATES AS OF 7-1-2001

Type of Production	Working Interest	Nonworking Interest	Reporting Schedule
Natural Gas			
Primary recovery production			,
First 12 months of production	0.76%	15.06%	NG-INCENTIVE
Pre-1999 wells after incentive period	15.06%	15.06%	NG-PRE99
Post-1999 wells after incentive period	9.26%	15.06%	NG-POST99
Stripper wells (averaging < 60 MCF/day)		.***	,
Pre-1999 wells	11.26%	15.06%	NG-PRE99
Horizontally completed well production (drilled after 1-1-2000)		y V	
First 18 months of qualifying production	0.76%	15.06%	NG-INCENTIVE
Oil			a manufacture and a second of the second of
Primary recovery production			
First 12 months of production	0.76%	15.06%	O-INCENTIVE
Pre-1999 wells after incentive period	12.76%	15.06%	O-REG
post-1999 wells after incentive period stripper (wells averaging < 15 bbls/day)	9.26%	15.06%	O-REG
pre-1999 & post-1999 first 1-10 bbls	5.76%	15.06%	O-STRIP



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER

Cory Fong, Commissioner

NORTH DAKOTA OIL EXTRACTION TAX INCENTIVE SUMMARY

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New Well Incentives

- EN A new vertical well is eligible for a 15-month oil extraction tax exemption. (Suspended)
- HE A new horizontal well is eligible for a 24-month oil extraction tax exemption. (Suspended)
- FE A new well drilled and completed on Indian land is eligible for a 60-month oil extraction tax exemption.
- NW A new well is eligible for a reduced oil extraction tax rate of 4%. (Suspended)
- BN A new well drilled and completed in the Bakken formation, between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, is eligible for a reduced oil extraction tax rate of 2% for the earlier of 18 months or 75,000 barrels.
- HN A new well drilled and completed after April 30, 2009 and completed before July 1, 2012 may be eligible for an oil extraction tax rate of 2% for the earliest of the following: 18 months, 75,000 barrels, or \$4.5 million of gross oil revenues. To receive this incentive a well must be completed during a month in which the incentive was active. Active months currently include May 2009 through October 2010. The incentive is inactive for completions made November 1, 2009 or later.

Horizontal Re-Entry Incentive (Suspended)

HR A horizontal reentry well, which is a vertical well bore reentered and recompleted horizontally, is eligible for a 9-month oil extraction tax exemption for each reentry.

Inactive Well Incentive (Suspended)

IE A well that has been inactive for two-years is eligible for a 10-year oil extraction tax exemption.

Workover Incentives (Suspended)

- WP A work-over project well is eligible for a 12-month oil extraction tax exemption starting from the first day of the third month after completion of the work-over.
- W4 A work-over project, completed on a well originally reported with a WW well code is eligible for a reduced oil extraction tax rate of 4% after the 12-month exempt period.

Enhanced Recovery Incentives

Rate Reduction

- SR A secondary recovery project well eligible for a reduced oil extraction tax rate of 4%. (Suspended)
- TR A tertiary recovery project well eligible for a reduced oil extraction tax rate of 4%. (Suspended)

Incremental Exemption

- Used by producers for qualified enhanced recovery reporting of production subject to 5% gross production and 0% oil extraction tax.
- R2 Used by producers for qualified enhanced recovery reporting of production subject to 5% gross production and 4% oil extraction tax. (Suspended)
- R3 Used by producers for qualified enhanced recovery reporting of production subject to 5% gross production and 6.5% oil extraction tax.

Stripper Well Incentives

- A stripper well/property, with average daily production of oil not exceeding 10 barrels per day during a 12 month qualifying period, from a depth of 6,000 feet or less, is exempt from oil extraction tax.
- S2 A stripper well/property, with average daily production of oil not exceeding 15 barrels per day during a 12 month qualifying period, from a depth of more than 6,000 feet, but not more than 10,000 feet, is exempt from oil extraction tax.
- A stripper well/property, with average daily production of oil not exceeding 30 barrels per day during a 12 month qualifying period, from a depth of more than 10,000 feet, is exempt from oil extraction tax.

Full Rate

- WW A well not eligible for an oil extraction tax exemption or rate reduction.
- PT A well eligible for an oil extraction tax exemption or rate reduction that has been suspended, returning the oil extraction tax rate to the full 6.5%.

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