

TCRS 2006-02: Additional Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief - IR-2006-30 and Notice 2006-20

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has further extended individual and business taxpayer filing and certain payment deadlines for taxpayers hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina. The penalty for failure to deposit taxes timely will be waived, and the deadline for the collection and assessment of tax will be extended for these taxpayers. The new deadline is August 28, 2006 (previously February 28, 2006) for those taxpayers whose payment and filing deadline were on and after August 29, 2005 but before August 28, 2006.

The attached list shows the IRS designated areas for automatic extended relief. Also listed are those counties and parishes in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi whose taxpayers are eligible for the extension only if they identify themselves as Hurricane Katrina impacted taxpayers.

In a related move, the IRS, the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation also extended the filing deadline for Form 5500 (previously February 28, 2006) to August 28, 2006. This new Form 5500 extension applies to plan administrators, employers and other entities affected by Hurricane Katrina, located in one or more of the counties and parishes on the attached list and whose filing deadline would have been on and after August 29, 2005 but before August 28, 2006.

In addition, this extension has been expanded to cover individuals determined by the IRS to be affected by Hurricane Katrina, such as:

1. all workers assisting in the relief activities in the covered disaster areas, regardless of whether they are affiliated with recognized government or philanthropic organizations;
2. any individual whose principal residence, and any business entity whose principal place of business, is not located in the covered disaster area, but whose tax professional/practitioner's office is located (or was located as of August 29, 2005) in the covered disaster area; and
3. individuals, visiting the covered disaster area, who were killed or injured as a result of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. For this purpose, the estate of an individual visiting the covered disaster area who was killed as a result of the hurricane is also considered to be an affected taxpayer.

IRS Publication 4492 provides information regarding the changes to the tax law and relief provisions available to those affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Publication 4492 is available on IRS.gov or by calling the toll-free IRS disaster hotline at 1-866-562-5227.



**IRS Designated Disaster Areas for Automatic Extended Relief
through Aug. 28, 2006**

Louisiana Parishes

Cameron
Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard
St. Charles
St. Tammany

Mississippi Counties

Hancock
Harrison
Jackson

**Disaster Areas Eligible for Additional Relief through Aug. 28, 2006 by Self-
Identification**

Alabama Counties

Baldwin
Choctaw
Clarke
Greene
Hale
Marengo
Mobile
Pickens
Sumter
Tuscaloosa
Washington

Louisiana Parishes

Acadia
Ascension
Assumption
Calcasieu
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberia
Iberville
Jefferson Davis
Lafayette
Lafourche
Livingston
Pointe Coupee
St. Helena
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
St. Martin
Tangipahoa
Terrebonne
Vermilion
Washington
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Mississippi Counties

Adams	Leake
Amite	Lincoln
Attala	Lowndes
Claiborne	Madison
Choctaw	Marion
Clarke	Neshoba
Copiah	Newton
Covington	Noxubee
Franklin	Oktibbeha
Forrest	Pearl River
George	Perry
Greene	Pike
Hinds	Rankin
Holmes	Scott
Humphreys	Simpson
Jasper	Smith
Jefferson	Stone
Jefferson Davis	Walthall
Jones	Warren
Kemper	Wayne
Lamar	Wilkinson
Lauderdale	Winston
Lawrence	Yazo