

Fuels Tax Reporting and eFile Update

The new Fuel Tax Reporting System is scheduled to go live on May 1, 2015. Beginning August 1, 2015 (for July 2015 and 3rd Quarter reports), licensees will be required to use this system to file their tax reports

The new system will make filing both electronic and paper tax reports easier. Licensees that have more than 1,000 transactions per month will be required to file their tax reports using an XML upload and remit their tax payment electronically. Licensees that have between 100 and 1,000 transactions will be required to file by using our web-based reporting system or may choose to use an XML upload. Those licensees with fewer than 100 transactions may use either electronic method to file tax reports, or may choose to continue filing paper tax reports.

Advantages to submitting tax reports through eFile:

- eFiling reduces the amount of paperwork and associated paper handling cost
- eFiling via XML eliminates postal delays and associated late filing penalties
- eFiling enhances Fuel Tracking and automated cross matching, supporting the Department's Audit management requirements.
- eFiling via XML provides a complete audit trail of tax forms and schedules.

The Oregon Fuels Tax System provides convenient, safe, and secure method for paying taxes for Fuels Tax eFile participants as follows:

- Establish a variable recurring payment within US Bank to facilitate automatic payments for tax reports;
or
- Opt to make a manual (non-recurring) payment to a tax report.

ODOT began the process of updating tax forms to accommodate electronic filing and to closely follow FTA (Federation of Tax Administrators) guidelines for uniformity standards across states. ODOT has submitted the eFile Guide and XML schema to the FTA E-Commerce subcommittee and is expecting comments. We will keep you updated on the process.

The eFile Guide, Motor Fuel XPath Document, 2015 Compliance Guide, templates, tutorials and more can be obtained on our website: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/FTG/Pages/eFile.aspx>

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