December 16, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Motor Fuels and Alternative Fuels Licensees
FROM: John D. Panza, Acting Director
        Excise Tax Division
RE: Motor Fuels and Alternative Fuels Tax Rate
    January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 105-449.80, the Secretary of Revenue has determined that the motor fuels and alternative fuels tax rate for the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 will remain at 37.5 cents per gallon.

The tax rate is computed using a flat rate of 17.5 cents per gallon and a variable wholesale component. The variable wholesale component is either 3.5 cents or 7 percent of the average wholesale price of motor fuel during the preceding six-month base period, whichever is greater. The average wholesale price is a weighted average of the wholesale prices of gasoline and No. 2 diesel fuel. The average price for the last base period was $2.9058 cents per gallon.

During the 2013 legislative session, North Carolina House Bill 998 was passed, which capped the motor fuels tax rate at 37.5 cents per gallon. The cap will be effective through June 30, 2015.

In addition, the inspection tax remains at .0025 cents per gallon.

If you have any questions, please contact the Excise Tax Division at (919) 707-7500 or Toll Free (877) 308-9092.

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