

SPECIAL NOTICE

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Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee – Rate Increase and Mandatory Online Filing

Fee Rate Increase

Effective October 1, 2021, the oil spill prevention and administration (OSPA) fee rate will increase from six and one-half cents (\$0.065) to eight and one-half cents (\$0.085) per barrel of crude oil or petroleum products. The rate change and other changes discussed below are due to the enactment of Assembly Bill (AB) 148 (Stats. 2021, Ch. 115).

Annual Fee Rate Adjustment Beginning July 1, 2023

Beginning July 1, 2023, and every July 1 thereafter, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will adjust the OSPA fee based on changes in the California Consumer Price Index. We will notify you annually of the adjusted rate. You can find the current and historical fee rates on our *Tax Rates – Special Taxes and Fees* page.

Online Filing Required

You are required to file your monthly *Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee Return* using our online services system. If you have not created a username and password, a unique security code is required to complete this process.

For assistance with creating a username and password, and filing online, please view our tutorials.

Changes for Renewable Fuel Coming Soon

Beginning January 1, 2022, the OSPA fee program is expanding to include renewable fuels. We will provide more information on the renewable fuel changes to the OSPA fee program in a future notice. Please refer to AB 148 for more information.

For More Information

If you have any questions, please call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711), then select the *Special Taxes and Fees* option. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays.