Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee: Rate Increase Effective July 1, 2023

Effective July 1, 2023, the Oil Spill Prevention and Administration (OSPA) fee will increase from $0.085 per barrel to $0.091 per barrel of crude oil, petroleum products, and renewable fuel.

For current and historical fee rates, see our Tax Rates – Special Taxes and Fees page on our website at https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/tax-rates-stfd.htm, under the Oil Spill Response, Prevention, and Administration Fees section.

Fee rate calculation
On July 1, 2023, and every July 1 thereafter, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) is required to adjust the OSPA fee based on changes in the California Consumer Price Index (CCPI). The first adjustment is based on the percentage change in the CCPI from October 2021 to October 2022. Subsequent annual adjustments will be made by DFW relative to the subsequent 12-month periods. We will notify you annually of the adjusted rate.

How the fee applies
The OSPA fee is imposed on owners of crude oil, petroleum products, and renewable fuel. Marine terminal operators, refinery operators, renewable fuel receiving facility operators, and renewable fuel production facility operators are responsible for collecting the OSPA fee from the owner.

For more information
We invite you to visit our website at www.cdtfa.ca.gov and specifically our online Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee & Oil Spill Response Fee Guide at https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/oil-spill-prev-resp-adm-fee.htm for more information.

You may also call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711), then select the option for Special Taxes and Fees. Customer service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays.