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IRS FIELD INSPECTORS CHECK DISPENSERS FOR PROPER LABELING

IRS field agents are always on the lookout for dispenser labeling violations. The IRS requires labels for dyed diesel, dyed kerosene and untaxed clear kerosene dispensers. IRS fines for faded, incorrect or missing dispenser labels are significant. The labeling requirement has been in place for diesel dyed diesel dispensers since 1993 and for dyed and clear kerosene dispensers since 1998.

The following IRS labels must be posted on any retail dispenser or other delivery facility (skid tank, consumer dispensers at bulk plants or card locks) where dyed diesel fuel and/or dyed kerosene are dispensed for use by a purchaser/consumer:

“DYED DIESEL FUEL, NONTAXABLE USE ONLY, PENALTY FOR TAXABLE USE” or

“DYED KEROSENE, NONTAXABLE USE ONLY, PENALTY FOR TAXABLE USE”

In addition, the following label must be posted on all blocked pumps that sell clear, untaxed kerosene:

“UNDYED UNTAXED KEROSENE, NONTAXABLE USE ONLY”

The labels must be affixed to the dispenser in a conspicuous place within easy sight of the person dispensing the fuel either on the face of the dispenser (on both sides) or on the side of the dispenser just above the nozzle housing. Many petroleum equipment vendors sell IRS compliant labels online.

Heating Oil Dispensers: Some heating oil dealers provide heating oil dispensers at their bulk plant for residential customers who wish to buy smaller quantities of fuel for heating. The IRS regulations do not address heating oil dispensers specifically. However, since heating oil is a dyed fuel and capable of being dispensed in the fuel tank of an off-road vehicle, it is recommended that these dispensers be labeled with an IRS diesel label as well.

EPA OFFICE OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS RELEASES UST FLOOD GUIDE

Hurricane season is underway and the EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) has developed resources to help UST owners and operators prepare for, prevent, or lessen catastrophic effects and environmental harm from natural disasters. Click [here](#) for information on how to prepare USTs before and after a storm.

CONGRESS TO FACE TIGHT FISCAL DEADLINES UPON RETURNING FROM RECESS

Congress and the Trump Administration will be facing some very important budget items when lawmakers return from recess on September 5. Due to there being limited time left on the legislative calendar before the end of FY 2017 on September 30, lawmakers will likely need to pass a short-term spending bill, known as a short-term continuing resolution (CR), that would fund the federal government and buy them some time to reach a deal on a 2018 appropriations package. The Republican led Congress must also increase the debt ceiling by September 29 to avoid an economic collapse and Republican lawmakers must also pass a budget so they can make preparations for a tax reform package.

The most pressing item is the need to increase the \$19.9 trillion debt limit so the government can continue to pay its bills. Although the White House is requesting a standalone debt-limit measure, the majority of Republicans are looking to add a provision to the measure that would decrease future spending. If Congress fails to raise the debt limit before the September 29 deadline, it would be the first time in this country's history and would have a significantly negative impact on the U.S. economy and markets around the globe.

Due to the importance of passing a debt-ceiling measure, Republicans may be forced to look to Democrats for votes. However, Democrats will undoubtedly be looking for concessions in exchange for their votes. Senate Minority Leader Schumer has already insisted that Democrats will refuse to vote for a bill that will add to the deficit, including tax cuts for the top one percent of Americans, or for a bill that involves the use of reconciliation, a process that would allow Republicans to deny Democrat's the ability to filibuster.

Congressional Republicans are under an immense amount of pressure to pass a budget using the process of reconciliation because doing so would allow Senate Republicans to pass a tax overhaul with a simple majority. There have also been discussions between the White House and Congress to come to a compromise that would mix permanent revisions with temporary rate cuts for individuals and businesses. This "hybrid" approach would combine permanent tax code changes to discourage offshore profit shifting by corporations with lower rates for numerous years to come. However, the House has been held up on a budget deal due to a disagreement between moderates and conservatives over whether the deal should

include spending cuts, also putting the Senate's action on hold.

It is crucial that Republicans pass a budget in order to move on to tax reform. It is also crucial that Republicans pass tax reform after failing to repeal Obamacare because there could otherwise be profound consequences for Republicans at the polls in November.

DOT CONSIDERING CHANGE IN FUTURE CAFÉ STANDARDS

Following President Trump's order in March to review future standards for road vehicle fuel efficiency, the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently announced a proposal to prepare an environmental impact statement for the preparation of standards for new passenger cars and light trucks for Model Year 2022-2025.

In 2012, the EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration adopted rules requiring the nation's car and light trucks to average 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. The auto manufacturers are concerned that the standards are too aggressive and have urged the Trump Administration to reconsider the rule.

The NHTSA will take public comment on what it should consider when preparing an environmental impact statement for the next phase of CAFE standards, and when NHTSA finishes the environmental review, which is due in April 2018, it will propose and finalize new standards. If EPA changes the standards for 2021 or the 2022-2025 would require a formal rulemaking process which could prompt legal challenges.

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