



**Georgia Motor Fuel Tax
Informational Bulletin
Suspension of Georgia Motor Fuel Taxes
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Due to a cyberattack against Colonial Pipeline Company on May 7, 2021, crucial fuel pipelines serving much of the Southeast have been shut down. As a result, there exists an intermittent shortage of petroleum fuel in Georgia. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-51, Governor Brian Kemp has declared a State of Emergency for Petroleum Shortage. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 45-12-22, the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes required by O.C.G.A. § 48-9-3 is suspended during the effective dates of the State of Emergency for Petroleum Shortage, which starts at 9:54 pm on May 10, 2021 and ends at 11:59 pm on June 2, 2021 (“Suspension Period”). The suspension of taxes applies only to Georgia motor fuel excise tax imposed under O.C.G.A. § 48-9-3. The suspension does not apply to any local sales or use taxes (including prepaid local tax).

Motor fuels eligible for the suspension of tax include all fuels subject to Georgia motor fuel excise tax imposed under O.C.G.A. § 48-9-3, including, but not limited to, gasoline, clear diesel, aviation gasoline, liquid propane gas, gasohol, ethanol, liquefied natural gas, and compressed natural gas. Motor fuels sold for off-highway use, such as jet fuel and dyed diesel, are generally not subject to Georgia motor fuel excise tax.

Distributors should not remit Georgia motor fuel excise tax on motor fuels sold during the Suspension Period. The Department will issue additional guidance soon regarding how such sales should be reported on May and June motor fuel returns.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact Taxpayer Services at motorfuel@dor.ga.gov or at 1-877-423-6711 between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.