

# NEW MEXICO BULLETIN



## Withholding Tax on Oil and Gas Proceeds

The 2012 New Mexico Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed legislation that changes the withholding requirements for oil and gas proceeds paid after January 1, 2012. Remitters, who are required to withhold, continue to use Form RPD-41284, *Quarterly Oil and Gas Proceeds Withholding Tax Return*, when remitting the withholding tax to the Department, or by filing and paying the tax online. Go to <https://efile.state.nm.us>, to file online. However, some of the remitters (payers) reporting and withholding requirements have changed. Below is a summary of those revised reporting and withholding requirements.

To establish that a remittee is a New Mexico resident or maintains a principal place of business in New Mexico and that the remitter thus has reasonable cause not to withhold, a remitter may rely on a remittees New Mexico address on Form 1099Misc, pro forma 1099Misc or RPD-41285, *Annual Statement of Withholding of Oil and Gas Proceeds*. If the 1099Misc, 1099Misc or RPD-41285 does not have a New Mexico address for the remittee, the remitter may have the remittee sign Form RPD-41354, *Declaration of Principal Place of Business or Residence in New Mexico*. See the instructions to Form RPD-41284, *Quarterly Oil and Gas Proceeds Withholding Tax Return*, for a complete listing of acceptable documentation to show cause for not withholding.

Remittees can enter into an agreement with the remitter to pay the tax required to be withheld by the remitter. The agreement may be made by completing Form RPD-41353, *Owner's or Remittee's Agreement to Pay Withholding On Behalf of a Pass-Through Entity or Remitter*. Form RPD-41353 must be completed and on file with the remitter at the time it files its annual reports for the tax year to which the agreement pertains. The remittee remits the tax required to be withheld using Form RPD-41357, *Oil and Gas Proceeds Remittee's Quarterly Tax Payment*, or by making estimated payments and filing a New Mexico income tax return and paying the tax due. If the Department notifies the remitter that the remittee has failed to remit the required payment the agreement is no longer acceptable by the Department as reasonable cause for failure to withhold. *The remitter is not responsible for withholding on oil and gas proceeds paid to the remittee prior to the Department's notification.*

Remitters must submit annual statements of withholding for each remittee to the Department. The annual statements of withholding must be filed in an electronic format prescribed by the Department, by the last day of February of the year following that for which the statement is made. Remitters are also required to file an electronic report of the remittees who have entered into an agreement with the remitter to pay the New Mexico tax required on the oil and gas proceeds. Rules are to be established by the Department to allow paper filing of the statements of withholding when the remitter cannot file electronically.

Remitters must continue to provide each remittee annual statements of withholding before February 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year for which the statement is made.

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Visit the Department's web site at <http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/Forms-and-Publications/Pages/Home.aspx> for all of the forms and instructions mentioned in this bulletin. For more information about the oil and gas proceeds withholding tax, please contact (505) 827-0825 or one of the local tax offices listed below.

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Albuquerque, NM 87198-8485

**LAS CRUCES (575) 524-6225**

Taxation and Revenue Department  
2540 S. El Paseo Bldg. #2  
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-0607

**SANTA FE (505) 827-0951**

Taxation and Revenue Department  
Manuel Lujan Sr. Bldg.  
1200 S. St. Francis Dr.  
P.O. Box 5374  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5374

**ROSWELL (575) 624-6065**

Taxation and Revenue Department  
400 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 200  
P.O. Box 1557  
Roswell, NM 88202-1557

**FARMINGTON (505) 325-5049**

Taxation and Revenue Department  
3501 E. Main St., Suite N  
P.O. Box 479  
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