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When you file your Montana income tax return electronically, you represent that you have retained all documents required as a tax record and that you will provide a copy to the department upon request.

#### What is "biodiesel"?

Biodiesel is a fuel produced from monoalkyl esters of long-chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils, renewable lipids, animal fats, or any combination of these ingredients. This fuel must meet the requirements of ASTM D6751, also known as the Standard Specification for Biodiesel Fuel (B-100) Blend Stock for Distillate Fuels, as adopted by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

#### I have purchased equipment to begin crushing oilseed but have not completed installation or began crushing the oilseed. Am I eligible for the oilseed crushing facility credit in the year I purchase the equipment?

No you are not. The investment you have made in the equipment does not allow you to apply for the oilseed crushing facility credit until the first year your facility begins processing oilseed or your facility manufactures a product from oilseed.

### What cost do I use to calculate my oilseed crushing facility credit?

The cost used to calculate your oilseed crushing facility credit is the amount of the investment that you have made in the specific property used to calculate your depreciation deduction for federal income tax purposes. It does not include the installation cost of the equipment.

#### If I am claiming the oilseed crushing facility credit can I also deduct the annual depreciation on my investment?

Yes you can. This credit is not in lieu of any depreciation or amortization deduction that you are allowed for your investment.

#### What requirements do I have to meet in order to qualify for the oilseed crushing facility credit?

In order for your investment to qualify for this credit the following requirements must be met.

- The property is used primarily to crush oilseed or to manufacture a product from oilseed and is operational before January 1, 2010, and
- You are an individual or entity who as the owner, including a contract purchaser, has a beneficial interest in the business that crushes oilseed or manufacturers a product from oilseed, and
- Your business has been processing oilseed or manufacturing a product from oilseed during your tax year.

#### I am constructing a facility to produce biodiesel. What costs are available to me to be eligible for the biodiesel production facility tax credit?

The costs used to calculate your biodiesel production facilities credit are all the costs associated with the construction of the facility and includes such costs as the engineering, architectural, developing, construction and permits associated with such construction. In addition, you are entitled to include the cost of purchasing any equipment that is used to produce biodiesel.

#### If I am claiming the biodiesel production facility credit can I also deduct the annual depreciation on my investment?

Yes you can. This credit is not in lieu of any depreciation or amortization deduction that you are allowed for your investment.

## When am I eligible for the biodiesel production facility credit?

You are entitled to the biodiesel production facility credit only in the first tax year your facility begins production. If you are in the process of constructing a facility in one tax year but have not begun processing in the same tax year you are not eligible for this credit until the year your production begins.

#### What requirements do I have to meet in order to qualify for the biodiesel production facility credit?

In order for your investment to qualify for this credit, the following requirements must be met:

- The property is used primarily to manufacture biodiesel and is operational before January 1, 2010, and
- You are an individual or entity who as the owner, including a contract purchaser, has a beneficial interest in the business that manufactures biodiesel, and
- Your business has been manufacturing biodiesel during your tax year.

#### Am I able to carryover my oilseed crushing facility credit or my biodiesel production facility credit if I cannot absorb the full amount in my first year of production?

No you are not. There is no carryover provision available for these credits.

# Am I subject to recapturing my credit that I previously received if I cease operating my business?

Yes you are. If you cease operating your business within 5 years from the year you claimed the credit, you are required to recapture this credit in the year you ceased operations.

#### If my business is a partnership or an S. corporation, are my partners or shareholders entitled to the oilseed crushing and biodiesel production facilities credit?

As a partnership or an S. corporation, your partners or shareholders are entitled to apply these credits against their income tax or corporate license tax liability. The amount of each partner's or shareholder's credit is based on their distributive or pro-rata share of the partnership's or S. corporation's cost of investing in the specific equipment.

For example, if your business is an S. corporation with four shareholders with equal ownership interest, each shareholder would be entitled to 25% of the total credit.

When filing your Montana partnership return, Form PR-1, or your Montana S. corporation return, Montana Form CLT-4S report your Oilseed Crushing and Biodiesel Production Credit on Schedule II, line 17. Include with your return a completed Form OSC and a supplemental schedule identifying each partner or shareholder and their pro-rata share of the credit.