

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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June 2, 2003

Dear Taxpayer:

The Comptroller's average price of crude oil, adjusted to 1997 dollars, has risen above \$25 per barrel for the reporting months of December 2002, January 2003, and February 2003. Therefore, the "Tax Credit for Incremental Production Techniques" will be suspended effective March 1, 2003. Crude oil or casinghead gas approved for this tax credit is taxable effective March 1, 2003.

The "Tax Credit for Incremental Production Techniques" will be reinstated if the Comptroller's average price of crude oil, adjusted to 1997 dollars, falls below \$25 per barrel for three consecutive reporting months. You will be notified when the credit is reinstated.

If you have filed reports and taken the exemption for the March 2003 reporting period or later reporting periods, please file amendments for those periods and pay the taxes due. Enclose a copy of this letter with your amended reports and payments so that we may waive penalty and interest for these payments.

If you have any questions concerning the "Tax Credit for Incremental Production Techniques," please call one of our tax specialist's toll free at 1-800-252-1384. The Austin number is 512/463-4600. From a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) ONLY, call 1-800-248-4099. Our Austin TDD number is 512/463-4621. For written responses, please direct your letter to the Tax Policy Division at the above address, or by e-mail at tax.help@cpa.state.tx.us.

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