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IRS provides tax relief for taxpayers in St. Croix affected by elevated levels of lead and copper in water supply

The IRS announced that taxpayers in St. Croix affected by elevated levels of lead and copper in the water supply now have until February 29, 2024, to file various individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

According to the IRS release—VI-2023-01 (November 24, 2023)—the disaster declaration issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) permits the IRS to postpone certain tax-filing and tax-payment deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area. Affected individuals and businesses will have until February 29, 2024, to file returns and pay any taxes that were originally due between October 25, 2023, and February 29, 2024.

The February 29, 2024 deadline also applies to quarterly estimated tax payments, normally due on January 16, 2024.

In addition, penalties on payroll and excise tax deposits due on or after October 25, 2023, and before November 9, 2023, will be abated as long as the tax deposits were made by November 9, 2023.

If an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date that falls within the postponement period, the taxpayer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate the penalty.

Affected taxpayers who reside or have a business located outside the covered disaster area can call the IRS disaster hotline to request the tax relief.

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