

New law requires the Dept. of Revenue (DOR) to pay interest on refunds for overpayments of severance taxes to operators whose wells qualify for the severance tax suspension on new horizontal wells or deep wells at the following rates:

1. If the refund is paid within 180 days of the filing of a claim for refund or an amended return with all supporting documentation, interest on the refund shall be paid at the U.S. Treasury Yield Curve Constant Maturity 6-Month Treasury rate on the first business day of October of the preceding year.
2. If the refund is paid after 180 days from the filing of the claim, interest shall be paid at the U.S. Treasury-based rate for the first 180 days, and the judicial rate of interest for any period of time after 180 days in accordance with the provisions of existing law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 18, 2014).

(Adds R.S. 47:1624.1)