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**Tax-Filing Deadline Extended for Louisiana Taxpayers**

*Additional time given to those in flooded areas*

Louisianans who owe state taxes in Arkansas will have until January to meet those obligations under a directive issued by Arkansas Chief Fiscal Officer Larry Walther on Tuesday.

“The flooding in Louisiana a disaster for not just for a state but for our nation,” Director Walther said. “With today’s decision, Louisianans who owe taxes here in Arkansas will have more time to focus on the more immediate problems of the flooding without having to worry over whether they’ve paid on time.”

Taxpayers residing in Louisiana counties which have been designated as federally declared disaster areas have until January 17, 2017, to file any Arkansas tax return, including individual income and corporate income, which are due on or after August 11, 2016.

Under Arkansas law, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State can grant an extension on payment of taxes for “good cause,” including federal disaster declarations. Currently, 20 Louisiana parishes have received a federal disaster declaration by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA.