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Oil and Gas Severance Tax

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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Reference Number: CTAS-1613

Authority. T.C.A. §§ 60-1-301 through 60-1-302.

Description. The state levies a tax of 3 percent of the sales price of all gas and oil removed from the ground in Tennessee. T.C.A. § 60-1-301.

Distribution. The Tennessee Department of Revenue collects the tax and distribution is made as follows:

1. One third (1/3) to the county where the wellhead is located.
2. Two thirds (2/3) to the state general fund. T.C.A. § 60-1-301.

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