

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Department of Energy and Environment



**Assessment on Heating Oil and Fuel Oil**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

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## **What is the assessment on heating oil and fuel oil?**

The CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018 imposes an assessment on a person who delivers heating oil or fuel oil to an end-user in the District. The assessment must be wire transferred to the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) each month. Similar assessments have been imposed on natural gas and electricity companies since 2009.

## **Who has to pay the assessment?**

Any person who delivers heating oil or fuel oil to an end-user in the District of Columbia, whether for industrial, commercial, or residential use must pay the assessment.

## **What types of fuel oil and heating oil are included?**

**Fuel oil** is defined as a liquid petroleum product less volatile than gasoline, used as an energy source. Fuel oil includes distillate fuel oil (No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4), and residual fuel oil (No. 5 and No.6).

- **No. 1 fuel oil:** A light distillate fuel oil that has distillation temperatures of 400 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point and 550 degrees Fahrenheit at the 90-percent recovery point and meets the specifications defined in ASTM Specification D 396. It is used primarily as fuel for portable outdoor stoves and portable outdoor heaters.
- **No. 2 fuel oil (heating oil):** A distillate fuel oil that has distillation temperatures of 400 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point and 640 degrees Fahrenheit at the 90-percent recovery point and meets the specifications defined in ASTM Specification D 396. It is used in atomizing type burners for domestic heating or for moderate capacity commercial/industrial burner units.
- **No. 4 fuel oil:** A distillate fuel oil made by blending distillate fuel oil and residual fuel oil stocks. It conforms with ASTM Specification D 396 or Federal Specification VV-F-815C and is used extensively in industrial plants and in commercial burner installations that are not equipped with preheating facilities. It also includes No. 4 diesel fuel used for low- and medium-speed diesel engines and conforms to ASTM Specification D 975.
- **No. 5 Residual fuel oil:** A residual fuel oil of medium viscosity, used in steam-powered vessels in government service and power plants, which is also known as “Navy Special” and is defined in Military Specification MIL-F-859E, including Amendment 2 (NATO Symbol F-770).
- **No. 6 Residual fuel oil:** Includes Bunker C fuel oil and is used for the production of electric power, space heating, vessel bunkering, and various industrial purposes.

DOEE determines what types of fuel oil and heating oil fall under the assessment using definitions from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) at [eia.gov/tools/glossary](http://eia.gov/tools/glossary).

## **How much is the assessment?**

\$0.084 per gallon.

## How do I pay the assessment?

There are two components to paying the assessment: a **wire transfer** and a **notification**.

1. A **wire transfer** of the assessment to the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE).
  - a. A wire transfer is an electronic transmission directly from your bank to our bank. Every bank will have their own steps to set up a transfer. For detailed instructions, search “[YOUR BANK NAME] set up wire transfer” in your internet browser and follow the instructions on your bank’s website.
  - b. In order to set up the payment, you will need DOEE’s bank information:
    - i. Bank Name: Citibank
    - ii. Address: Bank ID 591
    - iii. City: Washington
    - iv. State: District of Columbia
    - v. Routing Number: 021000089
    - vi. Account Number: 30918939
    - vii. Reference: Sustainable Energy Trust Fund - *#[insert amount paid]*
2. A **notification** of wire transfer payment.
  - a. The notification must be emailed to both:
    - i. Taresa Lawrence at the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) [taresa.lawrence@dc.gov](mailto:taresa.lawrence@dc.gov)
    - ii. Terry Lewis at the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) [terry.lewis@dc.gov](mailto:terry.lewis@dc.gov)
  - b. The notification must contain:
    - i. The total amount paid;
    - ii. A report of gallons delivered;
    - iii. A statement that the amounts shown are accurate; and
    - iv. A signature from a financial authority of the person who delivered heating oil or fuel oil.
  - c. An example template is attached at the end of this document.

**When do I pay the assessment?**

The assessment must be wire transferred to the Department of Energy and Environment every month before the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the month.

For example,

- The first payment to the District is due November 20, 2019 for deliveries made on October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019.
- The second payment to the District is due December 20, 2019 for deliveries made on November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019.
- The third payment to the District is due on January 20, 2020 for deliveries made on December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

**Why is the assessment being collected?**

Funds from the assessment go into the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund, which is critical to the success of activities required by the CleanEnergy Act. More information can be found at [doee.dc.gov/cleanenergydc](https://doee.dc.gov/cleanenergydc)

# Wire Transfer Notification Template

**COMPANY NAME**

NOTIFICATION OF WIRE TRANSFER

HEATING OIL AND FUEL OIL ASSESSMENT (SETF)

**MM/DD/YYYY** to **MM/DD/YYYY**

Fund Name	Total Gallons Delivered	Amount of Assessment	Total Amount Paid
Sustainable Energy Trust Fund (SETF)	<b>[INSERT HERE]</b> gallons	\$0.084 per gallon	<b>[Total Gallons Delivered x Amount of Assessment]</b>

The amounts above are, to the best of my knowledge, an accurate reflection of the amount of heating oil and fuel oil delivered to the District of Columbia from **MM/DD/YYYY** to **MM/DD/YYYY** as required by the CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title