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FEDERAL Environmental Fee Recovery (Oil Spill Charge)

We were told that the Oil Spill Charge expires in 2018 but now some people in Congress are trying to reinstall the charge.

To complicate matters, some vendors are saying that they are going to charge the fees and issue credits if the rate stays at zero.   This could be tough on customers who bill their customers. It is highly recommended that you make a list of your vendors and their policies and make your decisions accordingly. If you bill oil spill to your customers, it would be very painful to issue credits in the middle of the month. So here are a few things you can do meanwhile:

1.   Print out a list of the Oil Spill fees and their current rates.

2.   Call your vendors and find out how if they intend to charge the Oil Spill Fee or not and how exactly they intend to handle it. Then follow the instructions below if you decide to change them.

This has to do with FEDERAL Oil Spill only. Change only the Federal rates.

How do you change the Oil Spill Rates?

There are several possibilities as to where you might have these rates in your system. If you are not sure which one you use, then check them all.
1.   Purchase Charges (for automatic add on line items to Vendor Invoices)
2.   Special Charges (for automatic add on line items to Customer invoices)
3.   Vendor Racks (for automatic calculation in BOL entry)
4.   Fuel Taxes (if they are set up as a federal fuel tax code)

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Purchase Charges (what the vendor charges you)
1.   Select Jobber, Master File Maintenance and Purchase Charges.
2.   Display or Print the 'Special Charge Report'.
3.   Now go to 'Add Special Purchase Charges'.
4.   Enter the item for Federal Oil Spill, display the record and edit the Billing Rate. Put in 0 (zero). Then used the 'Next' button to scroll through the file and change what needs to be changed until you get back to the first record you displayed.

There are other purchase charges so be sure to change ONLY the ones for Federal Oil Spill.

Special Charges (what you bill the customer)
1.   Select Jobber, Master File Maintenance, Special Charges.
2.   Display or Print the 'Special Charge Report', and follow the same procedure as you did for Purchase Charges. (0/Zero for rate)

Vendor Racks (for those that have it built into their rack cost)
1.   Select Jobber, Rack Prices, Vendor Racks
2.   Display a Vendor/Terminal record. If you see a rate under 'Super Rate' 'OthChg Rate' or 'Disc Rate' that looks like an Federal Oil Spill Rate, you will need to change it to the new rate. Caution - these fields could be used for something other than Federal Oil Spill Rates, so don't change them if they are true discount rates of something else.

Fuel Taxes (Some customers have the oil spill as a federal fuel tax)
1.   Select Jobber, Master File Maintenance, Fuel Taxes, and Fuel Tax Add.
2.   Select Change or 'Future Tax Rate Update'.
3.   Change the rate in the Federal Oil Spill Tax codes for Oil Spill (or Federal Environmental Fee, or whatever you called them) then run the

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Update Tax Authorities. If you use the 'Future...' option, enter 01/01/2017 as the date and then enter the new rate on all codes where it applies. Then run the update on the future tax rate menu.

Timing Issues

If you end up with a mixed batch were some documents should have the old fees or some the new ones, then just edit the line items to fix the bad rates. By the same token, you can edit the rack prices too. Hopefully this won't happen, and if it does, it will be a one time problem.