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*FINANCE COMMISSIONER MARTHA E. STARK AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
COMMISSIONER JOSEPH F. BRUNO ANNOUNCE EMERGENCY EXTENSIONS OF FILING AND  
PAYMENT DUE DATES FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY STEAM PIPE EXPLOSION*

*APPROXIMATELY 2,000 BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY CLOSURES WITHIN THE "FROZEN  
ZONE" GET ONE MONTH EXTENSION TO PAY TAXES AND FILE RETURNS*

The New York City Department of Finance (DOF) and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announced today that they are extending tax filing and payment deadlines for businesses affected by closures within the "Frozen Zone" due to the July 18, 2007 steam pipe explosion.

Affected taxpayers who are required to file returns or to make estimated payments for the General Corporation Tax, Unincorporated Business Tax, Banking Corporation Tax, Real Property Transfer Tax, or the Cigarette Tax, by August 15, 2007 will now have until September 17, 2007.

"We recognize that many taxpayers and return preparers in the area affected by the ruptured steam main may be unable to meet filing and payment deadlines and need a break," said Finance Commissioner Martha Stark. "Extending the due date ensures businesses have time to they need to meet their obligations as they continue to recover from this incident."

"The tax extension represents another step the City has taken to ensure businesses are able to get back up and running," said OEM Commissioner Joseph Bruno. "We are also working hard to ensure pedestrian and vehicle access in the area returns to normal as soon as possible."

Returns, extensions, and declarations or payments of estimated tax filed under this announcement should be marked "**STEAM PIPE**" on the top center of the first page. Taxpayers must include an explanation of how the steam pipe rupture adversely affected their ability to meet their filing and payment obligations.

The approximately 2,000 businesses affected by enforced closures include those located on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the west side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; from the north side of East 37<sup>th</sup> Street to the South side of East 44<sup>th</sup> Street.