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Ottawa, Ontario, June 22, 2013... The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) would like to advise taxpayers who have been affected by flooding in Alberta that they will have access to the CRA's taxpayer relief provisions if they are unable to meet their tax obligations.

Corporations who are unable to file their T2 returns by July 2 due to flooding can apply to have interest and/or penalties waived or cancelled using <u>Form RC4288</u>, <u>Request for Taxpayer Relief</u>.

The CRA understands that natural disasters may cause great difficulties for affected taxpayers whose primary concerns during this time are their families, homes, and communities. The CRA can provide relief to these taxpayers if they are unable to file their returns by July 2, 2013, due to flooding or because of other circumstances beyond their control. Business owners and self-employed individuals who were unable to meet their filing and payment obligations are also eligible for relief.

The CRA's taxpayer relief provisions use a balanced approach to assist taxpayers in resolving tax issues that arise due to circumstances beyond their control. Under these provisions, taxpayers can apply to the CRA to have interest and/or penalties waived or cancelled in situations where they are unable to file a tax return and/or make payments on time because of a natural disaster. The CRA will consider these requests on a case-by-case basis.

All Canadians have access to the CRA's taxpayer relief measures and will be considered for relief if they miss a filing deadline because their lives were disrupted by natural disasters, including tornadoes, flooding, landslides, hurricanes, and forest fires.

For more information, go to <u>www.cra.gc.ca/taxpayerrelief</u>, or call the CRA at 1-800-959-8281 for individual enquiries, and at 1-800-959-5525 for business enquiries.

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