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Department of Revenue releases web video illustrating the growing use of electronic filing in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn. – A web video released today by the Minnesota Department of Revenue highlights the growing trend in electronic filing compared to just six years ago.

“Although a shrinking percentage of Minnesotans still file their income tax returns through the mail, the days of seeing many semi-trucks filled with tax returns and an overflowing mailroom at the Department of Revenue are a thing of the past,” said Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans.

Using photos from 2006 and video from 2012, this clip represents the reduction of paper tax returns received over the past six years due to an increase in the use of electronic filing by Minnesota taxpayers. In each set, the first image is a photo from 2006 with the second image being shot from the same angle in 2012.

“This year we expect over 80% of tax returns to be filed electronically, compared to 66% in 2006 and 18% in 2003. With electronic filing, errors are significantly reduced and taxpayers receive their refund faster compared to paper filing,” said Commissioner Frans.

“However, the volume of both paper and electronic returns is the highest around the April 17 tax filing deadline. With the influx of last-minute returns, turnaround time for refunds may be delayed, and I remind taxpayers to be patient as we process their returns.”

Visit the Minnesota Department of Revenue’s YouTube page to view the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBiGU8QqZTg>

To check the status of their refunds, taxpayers are encouraged to check the “Where’s My Refund” online system. “Where’s My Refund” is a quick, easy and secure way to find the projected refund date as your tax return move through processing. Check the status of a refund by visiting our website, www.revenue.state.mn.us, and selecting “check your refund status” under the e-Services menu, or click [here](#).

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