

tax imposed by this paragraph shall be paid by any trustee who refused to agree to part or all of the correction.

**(c) Joint and several liability**

For purposes of subsections (a) and (b), if more than one person is liable under subsection (a)(2) or (b)(2) with respect to the making of a taxable expenditure, all such persons shall be jointly and severally liable under such paragraph with respect to such expenditure.

**(d) Taxable expenditure**

For purposes of this section, the term “taxable expenditure” means any amount paid or incurred by a trust described in section 501(c)(21) other than for a purpose specified in such section.

**(e) Definitions**

**(1) Correction**

The terms “correction” and “correct” mean, with respect to any taxable expenditure, recovering part or all of the expenditure to the extent recovery is possible, and where full recovery is not possible, contributions by the person or persons whose liabilities for black lung benefit claims (as defined in section 192(e)) are to be paid out of the trust to the extent necessary to place the trust in a financial position not worse than that in which it would be if the taxable expenditure had not been made.

**(2) Taxable period**

The term “taxable period” means, with respect to any taxable expenditure, the period beginning with the date on which the taxable expenditure occurs and ending on the earlier of—

- (A) the date of mailing a notice of deficiency with respect to the tax imposed by subsection (a)(1) under section 6212, or
- (B) the date on which the tax imposed by subsection (a)(1) is assessed.

(Added Pub. L. 95-227, §4(c)(1), Feb. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 21; amended Pub. L. 96-596, §2(a)(1)(I), (2)(G), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3469, 3471.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 96-596, §2(a)(1)(I), substituted “taxable period” for “correction period”.

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 96-596, §2(a)(2)(G), substituted provision defining taxable period as the period beginning with the date on which the taxable expenditure occurs and ending on the earlier of the date of mailing a notice of deficiency with respect to the tax imposed by subsec. (a)(1) of this section under section 6212 of this title or the date on which the tax imposed by subsec. (a)(1) of this section is assessed for provision defining correction period as the period beginning with the date on which the taxable expenditure occurs and ending 90 days after the date of mailing a notice of deficiency under section 6212 of this title with respect to the tax imposed by subsec. (b)(1) of this section, extended by any period in which the deficiency cannot be assessed under section 6213(a) of this title and any other period which the Secretary determines reasonable and necessary to bring about the correction of the taxable expenditure.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 96-596 with respect to any first tier tax and to any second tier tax, see section 2(d) of Pub. L. 96-596, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4961 of this title.

**§ 4953. Tax on excess contributions to black lung benefit trusts**

**(a) Tax imposed**

There is hereby imposed for each taxable year a tax in an amount equal to 5 percent of the amount of the excess contributions made by a person to or under a trust or trusts described in section 501(c)(21). The tax imposed by this subsection shall be paid by the person making the excess contribution.

**(b) Excess contribution**

For purposes of this section, the term “excess contribution” means the sum of—

- (1) the amount by which the amount contributed for the taxable year to a trust or trusts described in section 501(c)(21) exceeds the amount of the deduction allowable to such person for such contributions for the taxable year under section 192, and
- (2) the amount determined under this subsection for the preceding taxable year, reduced by the sum of—

- (A) the excess of the maximum amount allowable as a deduction under section 192 for the taxable year over the amount contributed to the trust or trusts for the taxable year, and
- (B) amounts distributed from the trust to the contributor which were excess contributions for the preceding taxable year.

**(c) Treatment of withdrawal of excess contributions**

Amounts distributed during the taxable year from a trust described in section 501(c)(21) to the contributor thereof the sum of which does not exceed the amount of the excess contribution made by the contributor shall not be treated as—

- (1) an act of self-dealing (within the meaning of section 4951),
- (2) a taxable expenditure (within the meaning of section 4952), or
- (3) an act contrary to the purposes for which the trust is exempt from taxation under section 501(a).

(Added Pub. L. 95-227, §4(c)(1), Feb. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 22.)

**Subchapter C—Political Expenditures of Section 501(c)(3) Organizations**

Sec. 4955. Taxes on political expenditures of section 501(c)(3) organizations.

**Editorial Notes**

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter C, consisting of sections 4961 to 4963 of this title, was redesignated subchapter E.