

Help for the IRS

On April 15 (the deadline for filing income tax returns in the U.S.), a reader filling out Form 1040, came to the following on page A-11:

- 9. Enter the **smaller** of line 4 or line 8 **9.** _____
- 10. Divide line 9 by 1.5 **10.** _____
- 11. Subtract line 10 from line 9 **11.** _____

Readers of *SIAM News* might see a quicker way to complete lines 10 and 11. Taxpayers deserve the most streamlined form possible!