



ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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OSHA Civil Penalty Levels Are On The Rise



In January, OSHA published a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER notifying “interested parties” that, consistent with the Federal Civil Penalty Adjustment Act of 2015, monetary fines accompanying OSHA citations would be adjusted upward for inflation.... again. The law provides for an inflationary adjustment tied to the Consumer Price Index in each subsequent year.

Below, you’ll find the maximum (*for each alleged violation*) penalty amounts that may be imposed upon employers after 02 January 2018:

Type of Violation	Penalty
Serious Other-Than-Serious Posting Requirements	\$12,934 per violation
Failure to Abate	\$12,934 per day beyond the abatement date
Willful or Repeated	\$129,336 per violation

The ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee is in a position to provide guidance and advice to employers who have been cited by OSHA, and reminds those who have been cited that timeliness in response to such citations is an extremely critical factor. It must be kept in mind, however, that as a non-political group formed to serve as an advocate for our industry’s overall OSH performance, any assistance it renders will, of necessity, conform to that model.

Got a question about this particular subject? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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