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OSHA Civil Fines On The Rise



In tomorrow's edition of the **FEDERAL REGISTER**, we expect that the U.S. Department of Labor will publish a notice that will announce the annual increase of civil fines associated with violations of standards and regulations promulgated by the various administrative agencies of that executive department.

This annual event is brought about by the operation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Improvements Act of 2015 (Inflation Adjustment Act), which requires all monetary fine-collecting Federal agencies to automatically increase the amounts of fines imposed, tied to a cost of living formula enshrined in that law.

Among those administrative agencies affected is the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). The table below illustrates the increases being imposed, respectively, by the relevant categories/subjects of citations issued by that agency.

Paragraph	Remove	Add
§ 1903.15(d) introductory text	January 23, 2019	January 15, 2020
§ 1903.15(d)(1)	\$9,472	\$9,639
§ 1903.15(d)(1)	\$132,598	\$134,937
§ 1903.15(d)(2)	\$132,598	\$134,937
§ 1903.15(d)(3)	\$13,260	\$13,494
§ 1903.15(d)(4)	\$13,260	\$13,494
§ 1903.15(d)(5)	\$13,260	\$13,494
§ 1903.15(d)(6)	\$13,260	\$13,494

The sections/paragraphs appearing in the left most column are better identified through this link: <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1903/1903.15>

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