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## OSHA Civil Penalties About To Rise

The clockwork built into the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act, more or less assures that each year civil monetary fines set by Federal administrative agencies will be adjusted upward to account for inflation.

2019 is no different, except that this year's adjusted fines cannot take effect until they're published in the **FEDERAL REGISTER**. Owing to the current Federal government shutdown, however, the **FEDERAL REGISTER** is not being published.

When the Government Printing Office gets back to work, the **FEDERAL REGISTER** will likely be published once more and the revised civil monetary penalty structure found in the table below will take effect.

Characterization	Historical Maximums	Aug. 2016 (80% Catch-up Increase)	Jan. 2018 (Annual Bump – Current Maximums)	Jan. 2019 (Annual Bump – Delayed b/c Shutdown)
Other-than-Serious	\$7,000	\$12,471	\$12,934	\$13,260
Serious	\$7,000	\$12,471	\$12,934	\$13,260
Willful	\$70,000	\$124,709	\$129,336	\$132,598
Repeat	\$70,000	\$124,709	\$129,336	\$132,598
Failure to Abate	\$7,000 per day	\$12,471 per day	\$12,934 per day	\$13,260 per day

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