(c) Benefits. In addition to other benefits provided herein, Environmental Protection Research fellows shall be entitled to benefits as provided by law or regulation for other civilian employees of the Agency.

(d) Training. Environmental Protection Research fellows are eligible for training at Government expense on the same basis as other Agency employees.

§ 18.9 Duration of Environmental Protection Research Fellowships.

Initial appointments to Environmental Protection Research fellowships may be made for varying periods not in excess of 5 years. Such an appointment may be extended for varying periods not in excess of 5 years for each period in accordance with procedures and requirements established by the Administrator or designee.

§ 18.10 Appointment of Special Research Consultants for Environmental Protection.

(a) Purpose. When the EPA requires the services of consultants with expertise in environmental sciences or engineering who cannot be obtained when needed through regular civil service appointment or under the compensation provisions of the Classification Act of 1949, Special Research Consultants may be appointed to assist and advise in the operations of the EPA, subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs and in accordance with such instructions as may be issued from time to time by the Administrator or designee.

(b) Appointments. Appointments, pursuant to the provisions of this section, may be made by those officials in the EPA to whom authority has been delegated by the Administrator or designee.

(c) Compensation. The per diem or other rates of compensation shall be fixed by the appointing officer in accordance with criteria established by the Administrator or designee.

§ 18.11 Standards of Conduct and Financial Disclosure.

All individuals appointed to an Environmental Protection Research Fellowship or as a Special Research Consultant shall be subject to the same current standards and disclosure regulations and requirements as Title 5 appointees.

PART 19—ADJUSTMENT OF CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES FOR INFLATION

§ 19.1 Applicability.

This part applies to each statutory provision under the laws administered by the Environmental Protection Agency concerning the civil monetary penalties which may be assessed in either civil judicial or administrative proceedings.

§ 19.2 Effective date.

The increased penalty amounts set forth in the last column of Table 1 to §19.4 apply to all violations under the applicable statutes and regulations which occur after January 12, 2009. The penalty amounts that were adjusted in EPA’s initial adjustment to each statutory civil penalty amount that was published in the Federal Register on December 31, 1996 (61 FR 69360), and became effective on January 30, 1997, apply to all violations under the applicable statutes and regulations which occurred after January 30, 1997, through March 15, 2004. The penalty amounts that were adjusted in EPA’s second adjustment to each statutory civil penalty amount that was published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2004 (69 FR 7121), and became effective on March 15, 2004, apply to all violations under the applicable statutes and regulations which occurred after March 15, 2004, through January 12, 2009.