

TABLE I TO PART 157—Continued

Year	Limit	
	Auto. proj. cost limit (Col. 1)	Prior notice proj. cost limit (Col. 2)
2004 .....	7,800,000	21,600,000
2005 .....	8,000,000	22,000,000
2006 .....	9,600,000	27,400,000
2007 .....	9,900,000	28,200,000
2008 .....	10,200,000	29,000,000
2009 .....	10,400,000	29,600,000
2010 .....	10,500,000	29,900,000
2011 .....	10,600,000	30,200,000
2012 .....	10,800,000	30,800,000
2013 .....	11,000,000	31,400,000
2014 .....	11,200,000	31,900,000
2015 .....	11,400,000	32,400,000
2016 .....	11,600,000	32,800,000
2017 .....	11,800,000	33,200,000
2018 .....	12,000,000	33,800,000
2019 .....	12,300,000	34,600,000

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■ 3. Table II in § 157.215(a)(5) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 157.215 Underground storage testing and development.**

- (a) \* \* \*
- (5) \* \* \*

TABLE II TO PART 157

Year	Limit
1982 .....	\$2,700,000
1983 .....	2,900,000
1984 .....	3,000,000
1985 .....	3,100,000
1986 .....	3,200,000
1987 .....	3,300,000
1988 .....	3,400,000
1989 .....	3,500,000
1990 .....	3,600,000
1991 .....	3,800,000
1992 .....	3,900,000
1993 .....	4,000,000
1994 .....	4,100,000
1995 .....	4,200,000
1996 .....	4,300,000
1997 .....	4,400,000
1998 .....	4,500,000
1999 .....	4,550,000
2000 .....	4,650,000
2001 .....	4,750,000
2002 .....	4,850,000
2003 .....	4,900,000
2004 .....	5,000,000
2005 .....	5,100,000
2006 .....	5,250,000
2007 .....	5,400,000
2008 .....	5,550,000
2009 .....	5,600,000
2010 .....	5,700,000
2011 .....	5,750,000
2012 .....	5,850,000
2013 .....	6,000,000
2014 .....	6,100,000
2015 .....	6,200,000
2016 .....	6,300,000
2017 .....	6,400,000

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Year	Limit
2018 .....	6,500,000
2019 .....	6,600,000

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**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

**29 CFR Part 1601**

RIN 3046-AB12

**2019 Adjustment of the Penalty for Violation of Notice Posting Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, which further amended the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, this final rule adjusts for inflation the civil monetary penalty for violation of the notice-posting requirements in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective April 22, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Oram, Assistant Legal Counsel, (202) 663-4681, or Savannah Marion Felton, General Attorney, (202) 663-4909, Office of Legal Counsel, 131 M St. NE, Washington, DC 20507. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs at (202) 663-4191 (voice) or 1-800-669-6820 (TTY), or to the Publications Information Center at 1-800-669-3362 (toll free).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Under section 711 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which is incorporated by reference in section 105 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and section 207 of the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act (GINA), and 29 CFR 1601.30(a), every employer, employment agency, labor organization, and joint labor-management committee controlling an apprenticeship or other training program covered by Title VII, ADA, or GINA must post notices describing the

pertinent provisions of Title VII, ADA, or GINA. Such notices must be posted in prominent and accessible places where notices to employees, applicants, and members are customarily maintained.

The EEOC first adjusted the civil monetary penalty for violations of the notice posting requirements in 1997 pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (FCPIA Act), 28 U.S.C. 2461 note, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), Public Law 104-134, Sec. 31001(s)(1), 110 Stat. 1373. A final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on May 16, 1997, at 62 FR 26934, which raised the maximum penalty per violation from \$100 to \$110. The EEOC's second adjustment, made pursuant to the FCPIA Act, as amended by the DCIA, was published in the **Federal Register** on March 19, 2014, at 79 FR 15220 and raised the maximum penalty per violation from \$110 to \$210.

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (2015 Act), Public Law 114-74, Sec. 701(b), 129 Stat. 599, further amended the FCPIA Act, to require each federal agency, not later than July 1, 2016, and not later than January 15 of every year thereafter, to issue regulations adjusting for inflation the maximum civil penalty that may be imposed pursuant to each agency's statutes. The EEOC's initial adjustment made pursuant to the 2015 Act was published in the **Federal Register** on June 2, 2016, at 81 FR 35269 and raised the maximum penalty per violation from \$210 to \$525. The EEOC's second adjustment made pursuant to the 2015 Act was published in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 2017, at 82 FR 8812 and raised the maximum penalty per violation from \$525 to \$534. EEOC's third adjustment made pursuant to the 2015 Act was published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2018 at 83 FR 2537 and raised the maximum penalty per violation from \$534 to \$545.

The purpose of the annual adjustment for inflation is to maintain the remedial impact of civil monetary penalties and promote compliance with the law. These periodic adjustments to the penalty are to be calculated pursuant to the inflation adjustment formula provided in section 5(b) of the 2015 Act and, in accordance with section 6 of the 2015 Act, the adjusted penalty will apply only to penalties assessed after the effective date of the adjustment. Generally, the periodic inflation adjustment to a civil monetary penalty under the 2015 Act will be based on the percentage change between the Consumer Price Index for all Urban

Consumers (CPI-U) for the month of October preceding the date of adjustment and the prior year's October CPI-U.

## II. Calculation

The adjustment set forth in this final rule was calculated by comparing the CPI-U for October 2018 with the CPI-U for October 2017, resulting in an inflation adjustment factor of 1.02522. The first step of the calculation is to multiply the inflation adjustment factor (1.02522) by the most recent civil penalty amount (\$545) to calculate the inflation-adjusted penalty level (\$558.7449). The second step is to round this inflation-adjusted penalty to the nearest dollar (\$559). Accordingly, we are adjusting the maximum penalty per violation specified in 29 CFR 1601.30(a) from \$545 to \$559.

## III. Regulatory Procedures

### *Administrative Procedure Act*

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) provides an exception to the notice and comment procedures where an agency finds good cause for dispensing with such procedures, on the basis that they are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. EEOC finds that under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) good cause exists to not utilize notice of proposed rulemaking and public comment procedures for this rule because this adjustment of the civil monetary penalty is required by the 2015 Act, the formula for calculating the adjustment to the penalty is prescribed by statute, and the Commission has no discretion in determining the amount of the published adjustment. Accordingly, the EEOC is issuing this revised regulation as a final rule without notice and comment.

### *Executive Orders 13563, 12866, and 13771*

In promulgating this final rule, EEOC has adhered to the regulatory philosophy and applicable principles set forth in Executive Order 13563. Pursuant to Executive Order 12866, the EEOC has coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, the EEOC and OMB have determined that this final rule will not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or state, local, or tribal governments or communities. The great majority of employers and entities covered by these regulations comply

with the posting requirement, and, as a result, the aggregate economic impact of these revised regulations will be minimal, affecting only those limited few who fail to post required notices in violation of the regulation and statute. The rule only increases the penalty by \$14 for each separate offense, nowhere near the \$100 million figure that would amount to a significant regulatory action.<sup>1</sup> This rule is not an Executive Order 13771 regulatory action because the rule is not significant under Executive Order 12866.

### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) (PRA) applies to rulemakings in which an agency creates a new paperwork burden on regulated entities or modifies an existing burden. This final rule contains no new information collection requirements, and therefore, will create no new paperwork burdens or modifications to existing burdens that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under the PRA.

### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) only requires a regulatory flexibility analysis when notice and comment is required by the Administrative Procedure Act or some other statute. As stated above, notice and comment is not required for this rule. For that reason, the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act do not apply.

### *Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995*

This final rule will not result in the expenditure by State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it will not significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, no actions were deemed necessary under the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

### *Congressional Review Act*

The Congressional Review Act (CRA) requires that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EEOC will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S.

<sup>1</sup> In the last ten years, the highest number of charges alleging notice posting violations occurred in 2010. In that year, only 114 charges of the 90,837 Title VII, ADA, and GINA charges (or .13%) contained a notice posting violation.

House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to the effective date of the rule. Under the CRA, a major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by the CRA at 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

### List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 1601

Administrative practice and procedure.

Dated: March 18, 2019.

**Carol R. Miaskoff,**

*Associate Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.*

Accordingly, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission amends 29 CFR part 1601 as follows:

## PART 1601—PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1601 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 2000e to 2000e-17; 42 U.S.C. 12111 to 12117; 42 U.S.C. 2000ff to 2000ff-11.

■ 2. Section 1601.30 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

### 1601.30 Notices to be posted.

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(b) Section 711(b) of Title VII and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act, as amended, make failure to comply with this section punishable by a fine of not more than \$559 for each separate offense.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

### 33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0729]

### Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Fort Pierce, FL

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Fort Pierce North Causeway A1A Bridge (Banty Sanders) across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW), mile 964.8 at Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, FL. This deviation will be a second test of a change to the drawbridge operation