Executive Summary
When EPA civil penalties rise, so does the value of environmental compliance.
EPA Fines Rise for 2020

On January 13, US EPA increased civil penalties for violations of major environmental programs to match inflation for fiscal year 2020. The inflated penalty amounts will apply to environmental violations that occur or occurred after November 2, 2015, for which penalties are assessed after January 13, 2020.

If it feels like penalties have increased more often than usual in the past 5 years, that’s because they have.

Since the passage of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, government agencies are required to raise civil penalties annually to match the rate of inflation. Before the 2015 law, agencies like EPA and DOT were required to raise penalties for environmental and hazmat shipping mistakes once every four years.
Updated EPA Civil Penalties

Civil penalty figures are current as of January 13, 2020. EPA assesses civil penalties on a per-day, per-violation basis. View the full Rule in the Federal Register.

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To defend against EPA penalties for noncompliance, your organization must be able to identify and apply the latest environmental regulations under a broad range of programs. Lion can help.

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Mitigating Factors for Environmental Violations

In addition to the maximum civil penalty figures, EPA personnel consider a range of factors when assessing a penalty for environmental violations.

These factors include:

- The seriousness of the violation
- The violators’ good-faith efforts to comply
- Economic benefit gained as a result of noncompliance
- Ability to pay
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