

(2) The cost versus the benefit or therapeutic value to the victim;

(3) The procedures for ensuring that participation of the victim and offenders are voluntary and that the nature of the meeting is clear;

(4) The provision of appropriate support and accompaniment for the victim;

(5) Appropriate debriefing opportunities for the victim after the meeting; and

(6) The credentials of the facilitators.

§ 94.121 Allowable sub-recipient administrative costs.

Administrative costs for which VOCA funds may be used by sub-recipients include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) *Personnel costs*—Personnel costs that are directly related to providing direct services and supporting activities, such as staff and coordinator salaries expenses (including fringe benefits), and a prorated share of liability insurance;

(b) *Skills training for staff*—Training exclusively for developing the skills of direct service providers, including paid staff and volunteers (both VOCA-funded and not), so that they are better able to offer quality direct services, including, but not limited to, manuals, books, videoconferencing, electronic training resources, and other materials and resources relating to such training.

(c) *Training-related travel*—Training-related costs such as travel (in-State, regional, and national), meals, lodging, and registration fees for paid direct-service staff (both VOCA-funded and not);

(d) *Organizational Expenses*—Organizational expenses that are necessary and essential to providing direct services and other allowable victim services, including, but not limited to, the prorated costs of rent; utilities; local travel expenses for service providers; and required minor building adaptations necessary to meet the Department of Justice standards implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or modifications that would improve the program's ability to provide services to victims;

(e) *Equipment and furniture*—Expenses of procuring furniture and equipment that facilitate the delivery of direct services (e.g., mobile communication devices, telephones, braille and TTY/TDD equipment, computers and printers, beepers, video cameras and recorders for documenting and reviewing interviews with children, two-way mirrors, colposcopes, digital cameras, and equipment and furniture for shelters, work spaces, victim waiting rooms, and children's play areas),

except that the VOCA grant may be charged only the prorated share of an item that is not used exclusively for victim-related activities;

(f) *Operating costs*—Operating costs include but are not limited to—

(1) Supplies;

(2) Equipment use fees;

(3) Property insurance;

(4) Printing, photocopying, and postage;

(5) Courier service;

(6) Brochures that describe available services;

(7) Books and other victim-related materials;

(8) Computer backup files/tapes and storage;

(9) Security systems;

(10) Design and maintenance of Web sites and social media; and

(11) Essential communication services, such as web hosts and mobile device services.

(g) *VOCA administrative time*—Costs of administrative time spent performing the following:

(1) Completing VOCA-required time and attendance sheets and programmatic documentation, reports, and statistics;

(2) Collecting and maintaining crime victims' records;

(3) Conducting victim satisfaction surveys and needs assessments to improve victim services delivery in the project; and

(4) Funding the prorated share of audit costs.

(h) *Leasing or purchasing vehicles*—Costs of leasing or purchasing vehicles, as determined by the SAA after considering, at a minimum, if the vehicle is essential to the provision of direct services;

(i) *Maintenance, repair, or replacement of essential items*—Costs of maintenance, repair, and replacement of items that contribute to maintenance of a healthy or safe environment for crime victims (such as a furnace in a shelter; and routine maintenance, repair costs, and automobile insurance for leased vehicles), as determined by the SAA after considering, at a minimum, if other sources of funding are available; and

(j) *Project evaluation*—Costs of evaluations of specific projects (in order to determine their effectiveness), within the limits set by SAAs.

§ 94.122 Expressly unallowable sub-recipient costs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, no VOCA funds may be used to fund or support the following:

(a) *Lobbying*—Lobbying or advocacy activities with respect to legislation or to administrative changes to regulations

or administrative policy (*cf.* 18 U.S.C. 1913), whether conducted directly or indirectly;

(b) *Research and studies*—Research and studies, except for project evaluation under § 94.121(j);

(c) *Active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities*—The active investigation and prosecution of criminal activity, except for the provision of victim assistance services (e.g., emotional support, advocacy, and legal services) to crime victims, under § 94.119, during such investigation and prosecution;

(d) *Fundraising*—Any activities related to fundraising, except for fee-based, or similar, program income authorized by the SAA under this subpart.

(e) *Capital expenses*—Capital improvements; property losses and expenses; real estate purchases; mortgage payments; and construction (except as specifically allowed elsewhere in this subpart).

(f) *Compensation for victims of crime*—Reimbursement of crime victims for expenses incurred as a result of a crime, except as otherwise allowed by other provisions of this subpart;

(g) *Medical care*—Medical care, except as otherwise allowed by other provisions of this subpart; and

(h) *Salaries and expenses of management*—Salaries, benefits, fees, furniture, equipment, and other expenses of executive directors, board members, and other administrators (except as specifically allowed elsewhere in this subpart).

Dated: June 30, 2016.

Karol V. Mason,

Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Parts 723, 724, 845, and 846

RIN 1029–AC72

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Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Interim final rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act

Improvements Act of 2015 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance, this rule adjusts the level of civil monetary penalties assessed under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA).

DATES: This rule is effective on August 1, 2016. Comments will be accepted until September 6, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for Docket No. OSM-2016-0008 and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier:* Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Administrative Record, Room 252 SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20240. Please include the Docket ID: OSM-2016-0008.

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I. Background

A. The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015

Section 518 of SMCRA, 30 U.S.C. 1268, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to assess civil monetary

penalties (CMPs) for violations of SMCRA. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) regulations implementing the CMP provisions of section 518 are located in 30 CFR parts 723, 724, 845, and 846. We are adjusting CMPs in four sections—30 CFR 723.14, 724.14, 845.14, and 846.14.

On November 2, 2015, the President signed the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (Sec. 701 of Public Law 114-74) (“the Act”) into law. The Act requires that Federal agencies promulgate rules to adjust the level of civil monetary penalties (“CMPs”) to account for inflation. The Act requires agencies to enact an initial “catch-up” adjustment by August 1, 2016. The Act also authorizes agencies to make subsequent annual adjustments to civil monetary penalties to account for inflation. These adjustments are aimed at maintaining the deterrent effect of civil penalties and furthering the policy goals of the statutes which authorize them.

Pursuant to SMCRA, this rule adjusts the following civil penalties:

| CFR Citation | Points | Current penalty (\$) | Adjusted penalty (\$) |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 30 CFR 723.14 | 1 | 32 | 63 |
| | 2 | 74 | 127 |
| | 3 | 96 | 190 |
| | 3 | 108 | 253 |
| | 5 | 210 | 316 |
| | 6 | 232 | 380 |
| | 7 | 254 | 443 |
| | 8 | 276 | 506 |
| | 9 | 298 | 569 |
| | 10 | 320 | 633 |
| | 11 | 342 | 696 |
| | 12 | 364 | 759 |
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| | 15 | 530 | 949 |
| | 16 | 552 | 1,012 |
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| | 23 | 806 | 1,455 |
| | 24 | 828 | 1,518 |
| | 25 | 850 | 1,581 |
| | 26 | 960 | 1,898 |
| | 27 | 1,070 | 2,214 |
| | 28 | 1,080 | 2,530 |
| | 29 | 1,090 | 2,725 |
| | 30 | 2,100 | 3,163 |
| | 31 | 2,210 | 3,479 |
| | 32 | 2,320 | 3,795 |
| | 33 | 2,430 | 4,112 |
| | 34 | 2,540 | 4,428 |
| | 35 | 2,650 | 4,744 |

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| | 39 | 3,090 | 6,009 |
| | 40 | 3,200 | 6,325 |
| | 41 | 3,310 | 6,642 |
| | 42 | 3,420 | 6,958 |
| | 43 | 3,530 | 7,274 |
| | 44 | 3,640 | 7,591 |
| | 45 | 4,750 | 7,907 |
| | 46 | 4,860 | 8,223 |
| | 47 | 4,970 | 8,539 |
| | 48 | 5,080 | 8,856 |
| | 49 | 5,190 | 9,172 |
| | 50 | 5,300 | 9,488 |
| | 51 | 5,410 | 9,804 |
| | 52 | 5,520 | 10,121 |
| | 53 | 5,630 | 10,437 |
| | 54 | 5,740 | 10,753 |
| | 55 | 5,850 | 11,070 |
| | 56 | 5,960 | 11,386 |
| | 57 | 7,070 | 11,702 |
| | 58 | 7,180 | 12,018 |
| | 59 | 7,290 | 12,335 |
| | 60 | 7,400 | 12,651 |
| | 61 | 7,510 | 12,967 |
| | 62 | 7,620 | 13,284 |
| | 63 | 7,730 | 13,600 |
| | 64 | 7,840 | 13,916 |
| | 65 | 7,950 | 14,232 |
| | 66 | 8,060 | 14,549 |
| | 67 | 8,170 | 14,865 |
| | 68 | 8,280 | 15,181 |
| | 69 | 8,390 | 15,497 |
| | 70 | 8,500 | 15,814 |
| 30 CFR 723.15(b) (Assessment of separate violations for each day) | Maximum | 1,025 | 2,372 |
| 30 CFR 724.14(b) (Individual) | Maximum | 8,500 | 17,395 |
| 30 CFR 845.14 | 1 | 32 | 63 |
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| | 56 | 5,960 | 11,386 |
| | 57 | 7,070 | 11,702 |
| | 58 | 7,180 | 12,018 |
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| | 60 | 7,400 | 12,651 |
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| | 62 | 7,620 | 13,284 |
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B. Calculation of Adjustments

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued guidance on calculating the catch-up adjustment. *See* February 24, 2016, Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, from Shaun Donovan, Director, Office of Management and Budget, re: *Implementation of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015*.

The OMB guidance defines “civil monetary penalty” as “any assessment with a dollar amount that is levied for a violation of a Federal civil statute or regulation, and is assessed or enforceable through a civil action in Federal court or an administrative proceeding.” It further instructs that a civil monetary penalty “does not include a penalty levied for violation of a criminal statute, or fees for services, licenses, permits, or other regulatory reviews.” The guidance also specifies that agencies should calculate the catch-up adjustment by determining the percent change between the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the month of October in the

calendar year of the previous adjustment (or in the year of establishment, if no adjustment has been made) and the October 2015 CPI-U. OSMRE used this guidance to identify applicable civil monetary penalties and calculate the required catch-up adjustments.

Generally, OSMRE assigns points to a violation as described in 30 CFR 723.13 and 845.13. The CMP owed is based on the number of points received, ranging from one point to seventy points. For 2016, the Act requires that OSMRE adjust the civil penalty amounts for violations of SMCRA and provides the adjustment timing. The Act instructs OSMRE to use the maximum civil penalty amount as last adjusted by a provision of law other than the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (Public Law 104–410) (FCPIA of 1990) when calculating the 2016 civil penalty adjustment. The maximum civil penalty amounts for violations of SMCRA have not been adjusted by a provision of law other than the FCPIA of 1990 since the penalties were established in SMCRA in 1977. Because

the penalties were first published in the **Federal Register** in 1979, in computing the new civil penalty amounts for violations of SMCRA, OSMRE used the adjustment factor for 1979 provided in OMB’s guidance. This resulted in a multiplying factor of 3.16274. The statutory maximum civil penalty amount (e.g., \$5,000) was multiplied by the multiplying factor (e.g., \$5,000 × 3.16274 = \$15,813.70). The Act requires that the maximum civil penalty amount be rounded to the nearest \$1.00 at the end of the calculation process (e.g., \$15,814). OSMRE’s calculated increases do not exceed 150 percent of the maximum civil penalty amount as of November 2, 2015, and thus, they comply with the Act. Also, pursuant to the Act, these increases apply to civil penalties assessed after the date they take effect, even if the associated violation predates such increase.

C. Effect of Rule in Federal Program States and on Indian Lands

OSMRE directly regulates surface coal mining and reclamation activities within a State or on tribal lands if the

State or tribe does not adopt its own program pursuant to section 503 of SMCRA. The increase in civil monetary penalties contained in this rule will apply to the following Federal program states: Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Washington. The Federal programs for those States appear at 30 CFR parts 903, 905, 910, 912, 921, 922, 933, 937, 939, 941, 942, and 947, respectively. The increase in civil monetary penalties also applies to Indian lands under the Federal program for Indian lands, which appears in 30 CFR 750.18.

D. Effect of the Rule on Approved State Programs

State regulatory programs are not required to mirror all of the penalty provisions of our regulations. *In re Permanent Surface Mining Regulation Litigation*, No. 79–1144, Mem. Op. (D.D.C. May 16, 1980), 19 Env't Rep. Cas. (BNA) 1477. Thus, this rule has no effect on CMPs in states with SMCRA primacy.

II. Procedural Matters and Required Determinations

A. Regulatory Planning and Review (E.O. 12866 and 13563)

Executive Order 12866 provides that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget will review all significant rules. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has determined that this rule is not significant.

Executive Order 13563 reaffirms the principles of E.O. 12866 while calling for improvements in the nation's regulatory system to promote predictability, to reduce uncertainty, and to use the best, most innovative, and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends. The executive order directs agencies to consider regulatory approaches that reduce burdens and maintain flexibility and freedom of choice for the public where these approaches are relevant, feasible, and consistent with regulatory objectives. E.O. 13563 emphasizes further that regulations must be based on the best available science and that the rulemaking process must allow for public participation and an open exchange of ideas. We have developed this rule in a manner consistent with these requirements, to the extent permitted by statute.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (FRA) requires an agency to prepare a

regulatory flexibility analysis for all rules unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The RFA applies only to rules for which an agency is required to first publish a proposed rule. See 5 U.S.C. 603(a) and 604(a). The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 requires agencies to adjust civil penalties with an initial "catch-up" adjustment through an interim final rule. An interim final rule does not include first publishing a proposed rule. Thus, the RFA does not apply to this rulemaking.

C. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. This rule:

(a) Does not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more.

(b) Will not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions.

(c) Does not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This rule does not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments, or the private sector of more than \$100 million per year. The rule does not have a significant or unique effect on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. A statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is not required.

E. Takings (E.O. 12630)

This rule does not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630. A takings implication assessment is not required.

F. Federalism (E.O. 13132)

Under the criteria in section 1 of Executive Order 13132, this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement. A federalism summary impact statement is not required.

G. Civil Justice Reform (E.O. 12988)

This rule complies with the requirements of Executive Order 12988. Specifically, this rule:

(a) Meets the criteria of section 3(a) requiring that all regulations be reviewed to eliminate errors and ambiguity and be written to minimize litigation; and

(b) Meets the criteria of section 3(b)(2) requiring that all regulations be written in clear language and contain clear legal standards.

H. Consultation With Indian Tribes (E.O. 13175 and Departmental Policy)

The Department of the Interior strives to strengthen its government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes through a commitment to consultation with Indian tribes and recognition of their right to self-governance and tribal sovereignty. We have evaluated this rule under the Department's consultation policy and under the criteria in Executive Order 13175 and have determined that it has no substantial direct effects on federally recognized Indian tribes and that consultation under the Department's tribal consultation policy is not required.

I. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements, and a submission to the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) is not required. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

J. National Environmental Policy Act

This rule does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. A detailed statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required because the rule is covered by a categorical exclusion. This rule is excluded from the requirement to prepare a detailed statement because it is a regulation of an administrative nature. (For further information see 43 CFR 46.210(i).) We have also determined that the rule does not involve any of the extraordinary circumstances listed in 43 CFR 46.215 that would require further analysis under NEPA.

K. Effects on Energy Supply, Distribution, and Use (E.O. 13211)

This rule is not a significant energy action under the definition in Executive

Order 13211. A Statement of Energy Effects is not required.

L. Clarity of This Regulation

We are required by Executive Orders 12866 (section 1 (b)(12)), 12988 (section 3(b)(1)(B)), and 13563 (section 1(a)), and by the Presidential Memorandum of June 1, 1998, to write all rules in plain language. This means that each rule we publish must:

- (a) Be logically organized;
- (b) Use the active voice to address readers directly;
- (c) Use common, everyday words and clear language rather than jargon;
- (d) Be divided into short sections and sentences; and
- (e) Use lists and tables wherever possible.

If you believe that we have not met these requirements, send us comments by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. To better help us revise the rule, your comments should be as specific as possible. For example, you should tell us the numbers of the sections or paragraphs that you find unclear, which sections or sentences are too long, the sections where you feel lists or tables would be useful, etc.

M. Data Quality Act

In developing this rule, we did not conduct or use a study, experiment, or survey requiring peer review under the Data Quality Act (Pub. L. 106–554).

N. Administrative Procedure Act

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 requires agencies to publish interim final rules by July 1, 2016, with an effective date for the adjusted penalties no later than August 1, 2016. To comply with the Act, we are issuing these regulations as an interim final rule and are requesting comments post-promulgation. Section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) provides that, when an agency for good cause finds that “notice and public procedure . . . are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest,” the agency may issue a rule without providing notice and an opportunity for prior public comment. 5 U.S.C. 553(b).

OSMRE finds that there is good cause to promulgate this rule without first providing for public comment. It would not be practicable to meet the deadlines imposed by the Act if we were to first publish a proposed rule, allow the public sufficient time to submit comments, analyze the comments, and publish a final rule. Also, OSMRE is promulgating this final rule to implement the statutory directive in the

Act, which requires agencies to publish an interim final rule and to update the civil penalty amounts by applying a specified formula. OSMRE has no discretion to vary the amount of the adjustment to reflect any views or suggestions provided by commenters. Accordingly, it would serve no purpose to provide an opportunity for pre-promulgation public comment on this rule. Thus, OSMRE finds pre-promulgation notice and public comment to be impracticable and unnecessary.

Also, OSMRE finds that there is good cause for publishing this rule less than thirty days before its effective date, since the Act requires agencies to publish interim final rules with an effective date no later than August 1, 2016. 5 U.S.C. 553(d). OSMRE has no discretion to provide for an effective date that is later than August 1, 2016.

List of Subjects

30 CFR Part 723

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Surface mining, Underground mining.

30 CFR Part 724

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Surface mining, Underground mining.

30 CFR Part 845

Administrative practice and procedure, Law enforcement, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surface mining, Underground mining.

30 CFR Part 846

Administrative practice and procedure, Penalties, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: June 29, 2016.

Janice M. Schneider,

Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

For the reasons given in the preamble, the Department of the Interior amends 30 CFR parts 723, 724, 845, and 846 as set forth below.

PART 723—CIVIL PENALTIES

- 1. The authority citation for Part 723 is amended to read as follows:

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 2461, 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*, and 31 U.S.C. 3701.

- 2. Section 723.14 is amended by revising the table to read as follows:

§ 723.14 Determination of amount of penalty.

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| 69 | 15,497 |
| 70 | 15,814 |

- 3. Section 723.15 is amended by revising paragraph (b) introductory text to read as follows:

§ 723.15 Assessment of separate violations for each day.

* * * * *

(b) In addition to the civil penalty provided for in paragraph (a) of this section, whenever a violation contained in a notice of violation or cessation order has not been abated within the abatement period set in the notice or order or as subsequently extended pursuant to section 521(a) of the Act, 30 U.S.C. 1271(a), a civil penalty of not less than \$2,372 will be assessed for each day during which such failure to abate continues, except that:

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PART 724—INDIVIDUAL CIVIL PENALTIES

■ 4. The authority citation for part 724 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 2461, 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*, and 31 U.S.C. 3701.

■ 5. Section 724.14 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 724.14 Amount of individual civil penalty.

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(b) The penalty will not exceed \$17,395 for each violation. * * *

PART 845—CIVIL PENALTIES

■ 6. The authority citation for part 845 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 2461, 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*, 31 U.S.C. 3701, Pub. L. 100–202, and Pub. L. 100–446.

■ 7. Section 845.14 is amended by revising the table to read as follows:

§ 845.14 Determination of amount of penalty.

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| Points | Dollars |
|----------|---------|
| 1 | 63 |
| 2 | 127 |
| 3 | 190 |
| 4 | 253 |
| 5 | 316 |
| 6 | 380 |
| 7 | 443 |
| 8 | 506 |
| 9 | 569 |
| 10 | 633 |
| 11 | 696 |
| 12 | 759 |
| 13 | 822 |
| 14 | 886 |
| 15 | 949 |
| 16 | 1,012 |
| 17 | 1,075 |
| 18 | 1,139 |
| 19 | 1,202 |
| 20 | 1,265 |
| 21 | 1,328 |
| 22 | 1,392 |

| Points | Dollars |
|----------|---------|
| 23 | 1,455 |
| 24 | 1,518 |
| 25 | 1,581 |
| 26 | 1,898 |
| 27 | 2,214 |
| 28 | 2,530 |
| 29 | 2,725 |
| 30 | 3,163 |
| 31 | 3,479 |
| 32 | 3,795 |
| 33 | 4,112 |
| 34 | 4,428 |
| 35 | 4,744 |
| 36 | 5,060 |
| 37 | 5,377 |
| 38 | 5,693 |
| 39 | 6,009 |
| 40 | 6,325 |
| 41 | 6,642 |
| 42 | 6,958 |
| 43 | 7,274 |
| 44 | 7,591 |
| 45 | 7,907 |
| 46 | 8,223 |
| 47 | 8,539 |
| 48 | 8,856 |
| 49 | 9,172 |
| 50 | 9,488 |
| 51 | 9,804 |
| 52 | 10,121 |
| 53 | 10,437 |
| 54 | 10,753 |
| 55 | 11,070 |
| 56 | 11,386 |
| 57 | 11,702 |
| 58 | 12,018 |
| 59 | 12,335 |
| 60 | 12,651 |
| 61 | 12,967 |
| 62 | 13,284 |
| 63 | 13,600 |
| 64 | 13,916 |
| 65 | 14,232 |
| 66 | 14,549 |
| 67 | 14,865 |
| 68 | 15,181 |
| 69 | 15,497 |
| 70 | 15,814 |

■ 8. Section 845.15 is amended by revising paragraph (b) introductory text to read as follows:

§ 845.15 Assessment of separate violations for each day.

* * * * *

(b) In addition to the civil penalty provided for in paragraph (a) of this section, whenever a violation contained in a notice of violation or cessation order has not been abated within the abatement period set in the notice or order or as subsequently extended pursuant to section 521(a) of the Act, a civil penalty of not less than \$2,372 will be assessed for each day during which such failure to abate continues, except that:

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PART 846—CIVIL PENALTIES

■ 9. The authority citation for part 846 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 2461, 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*, and 31 U.S.C. 3701.

■ 10. Section 846.14 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 846.14 Amount of individual civil penalty.

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(b) The penalty will not exceed \$17,395 for each violation. * * *

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

[Docket No. USCG–2016–0633]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Housatonic River, Stratford, CT**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Metro-North Devon Bridge across the Housatonic River, mile 3.9, at Stratford, Connecticut. This deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner to perform timber ties replacement and steel repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on September 6, 2016 to 8 a.m. on September 19, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG–2016–0633] is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH”. Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or email Judy Leung-Yee, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, telephone (212) 514–4330, email judy.k.leung-ye@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Metro-North Devon Bridge, mile 3.9, across the Housatonic River, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 19 feet at mean high water and 25 feet at mean low water. The existing bridge operating regulations are found at 33 CFR 117.207(b).

The waterway is transited by seasonal recreational vessels.