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In today's **FEDERAL REGISTER**, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has published a Final Rule which implements the mandate of the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 2015 by raising the amounts of monetary fines that may be imposed for violations of the U.S Department of Transportation's HazMat regulations.

Shippers, transporters and employers of workers who are potentially exposed to the dangers inherent in the movement of hazardous cargoes are obliged to comport with those regulations.

In sum, the maximum civil penalty for a knowing violation is now **\$78,376**, except for violations that result in death, serious illness, or severe injury to any person or substantial destruction of property, for which the maximum civil penalty is **\$182,877**. In addition, the minimum civil penalty amount for a violation relating to training is now \$471 *per employee*.

The entire text of today's Final Rule (which includes substantial insight into often overlooked nuances that are contained within the mysteries of Federal rulemaking) may be accessed via this link: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-19/pdf/2017-07908.pdf>

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