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Notice to the Lessee:

On November 2, 2015, the President signed into law the *Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act*, Sec. 701 of Pub. L. 114-74, which requires Federal agencies to adjust civil monetary penalties annually to account for inflation. Civil monetary penalties are any assessments with a dollar amount that are levied for a violation of a Federal civil statute or regulation and are enforceable through a civil action in Federal court or an administrative proceeding.

In accordance with the Act, on March 13, 2024, the Bureau of Indian Affairs published a Final Rule adjusting the civil monetary penalties contained in the Bureau's regulations in Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including the regulations set forth in *25 C.F.R. Part 226, - Leasing of Osage Reservation Lands for Oil and Gas Mining*. See 89 Fed. Reg. 18359. The Final Rule became effective on the date of its publication in the Federal Register. Accordingly, as of March 13, 2024, the Osage Agency was required to begin assessing civil monetary penalties under *25 C.F.R., Part 226* at the following rates:

CFR Citation	Adjusted Penalty for 2024
25 CFR § 226.42	\$1,153.00
25 CFR § 226.43(a)	\$115.00
25 CFR § 226.43(b)	\$115.00
25 CFR § 226.43(c)	\$115.00
25 CFR § 226.43 (d)	\$115.00

25 CFR § 226.43(e)	\$230.00
25 CFR § 226.43(f)	\$460.00
25 CFR § 226.43(g)	\$1,153.00
25 CFR § 226.43(h)	\$115.00

Enclosed please find a copy of the Osage Agency's policy regarding the assessment of penalties and fines, which has been revised to reflect the 2024 adjustment to civil monetary penalties. The policy is also available on the Osage Agency's website at the following link:

<https://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/EasternOklahoma/WeAre/Osage/index.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice or the enclosed policy, please contact the Osage Agency at (918) 287-5700.

Respectfully,

Superintendent

Enclosures