

TABLE 2—ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO PFCRA CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES, 2016–2022

Year	Baseline maximum penalty	Applicable multiplier based on percent increase in CPI-U	New baseline maximum penalty
2016 .....	\$5,000	<sup>15</sup> 2.15628	\$10,781
2017 .....	10,781	<sup>16</sup> 1.01636	10,957
2018 .....	10,957	<sup>17</sup> 1.02041	11,181
2019 .....	11,181	<sup>18</sup> 1.02522	11,463
2020 .....	11,463	<sup>19</sup> 1.01764	11,665
2021 .....	11,665	<sup>20</sup> 1.01182	11,803
2021 .....	11,803	<sup>21</sup> 1.06222	12,537

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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### Notice on Penalty Inflation Adjustments for Civil Monetary Penalties

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing updated penalty inflation adjustments for civil monetary penalties for 2022.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF or Foundation) is providing notice of its adjusted maximum civil monetary penalties, effective January 15, 2022. These adjustments are required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 27, 2016, NSF published an interim final rule amending its regulations to

<sup>15</sup> OMB Memorandum M–16–06 (February 24, 2016).

<sup>16</sup> OMB Memorandum M–17–11 (December 16, 2016).

<sup>17</sup> OMB Memorandum M–18–03 (December 15, 2017).

<sup>18</sup> OMB Memorandum M–19–04 (December 14, 2018).

<sup>19</sup> OMB Memorandum M–20–05 (December 16, 2019).

<sup>20</sup> OMB Memorandum M–21–10 (December 23, 2020).

<sup>21</sup> OMB Memorandum M–22–07 (December 15, 2021).

adjust, for inflation, the maximum civil monetary penalties that may be imposed for violations of the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (ACA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*, and the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (PFCRA), 31 U.S.C. 3801, *et seq.* These adjustments are required by the 2015 Act. The 2015 Act also requires agencies to make subsequent annual adjustments for inflation. Pursuant to OMB guidance dated December 15, 2021, the cost-of-living adjustment multiplier for 2022 is 1.06222. Accordingly, the 2022 annual inflation adjustments for the maximum penalties under the ACA are \$18,898 ( $\$17,791 \times 1.06222$ ) for violations and \$31,980 ( $\$30,107 \times 1.06222$ ) for knowing violations of the ACA. Finally, the 2022 annual inflation adjustment for the maximum penalty for violations under PFCRA is \$12,537 ( $\$11,803 \times 1.06222$ ).

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–244; NRC–2021–0223]

### Exelon Generation Company, LLC; R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued an exemption in response to an October 6, 2021, request from Exelon Generation Company, LLC, as supplemented by letter dated November 15, 2021, which requested a one-time exemption from the NRC regulations, to postpone the conduct of the offsite portions of the

R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant biennial emergency preparedness (EP) exercise until a date prior to July 20, 2022.

**DATES:** The exemption was issued on December 15, 2021.

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