

## 2019 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment

### Notice 2019-36

Section 43(a) provides that for purposes of section 38, the enhanced oil recovery credit for any taxable year is an amount equal to 15 percent of the taxpayer's qualified enhanced oil recovery costs for such taxable year.

Section 43(b)(1) provides that the amount of the credit determined under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall be reduced by an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of such credit (determined without regard to this para-

graph) as – (A) the amount by which the reference price for the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the taxable year begins exceeds \$28, bears to (B) \$6.

Section 43(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code requires the Secretary to publish an inflation adjustment factor. The enhanced oil recovery credit under § 43 for any taxable year is reduced if the “reference price,” determined under § 45K(d)(2)(C), for the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the taxable year begins is greater than \$28 multiplied by the inflation adjustment factor for that year.

The term “inflation adjustment factor” means, with respect to any calendar year,

a fraction the numerator of which is the GNP implicit price deflator for the preceding calendar year and the denominator of which is the GNP implicit price deflator for 1990.

Because the reference price for the 2018 calendar year (\$61.41) exceeds \$28 multiplied by the inflation adjustment factor for the 2018 calendar year (\$28 multiplied by 1.7334 = \$48.5352) by \$12.88, the enhanced oil recovery credit for qualified costs paid or incurred in 2019 is phased out completely.

Table 1 contains the GNP implicit price deflator used for the 2019 calendar year, as well as the previously published GNP implicit price deflators used for the 1991 through 2018 calendar years.

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GNP IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATORS

<i>Calendar Year</i>	<i>GNP Implicit Price Deflator</i>
1990	112.9 (used for 1991)
1991	117.0 (used for 1992)
1992	120.9 (used for 1993)
1993	124.1 (used for 1994)
1994	126.0 (used for 1995)*
1995	107.5 (used for 1996)
1996	109.7 (used for 1997)**
1997	112.35 (used for 1998)
1998	112.64 (used for 1999)***
1999	104.59 (used for 2000)
2000	106.89 (used for 2001)
2001	109.31 (used for 2002)
2002	110.63 (used for 2003)
2003	105.67 (used for 2004)****
2004	108.23 (used for 2005)
2005	112.129 (used for 2006)
2006	116.036 (used for 2007)
2007	119.656 (used for 2008)
2008	122.407 (used for 2009)
2009	109.764 (used for 2010)*****
2010	110.654 (used for 2011)
2011	113.347 (used for 2012)*****
2012	115.387 (used for 2013)
2013	106.710 (used for 2014)*****
2014	108.407 (used for 2015)*****
2015	109.868 (used for 2016)
2016	111.528 (used for 2017)
2017	113.500 (used for 2018)
2018	110.308 (used for 2019)

- \* Beginning in 1995, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased relative to 1992. The 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 1996 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 93.6.
- \*\* Beginning in 1997, two digits follow the decimal point in the GNP implicit price deflator. The 1990 GNP price deflator used to compute the 1998 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 93.63.
- \*\*\* Beginning in 1999, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased relative to 1996. The 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2000 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 86.53.
- \*\*\*\* Beginning in 2003, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased, and the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2004 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 81.589.
- \*\*\*\*\* Beginning in 2009, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased, and the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2010 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 72.199.
- \*\*\*\*\* Beginning in 2011, the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2012 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 72.260.
- \*\*\*\*\* Beginning in 2013, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased, and the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2014 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 66.803.
- \*\*\*\*\* Beginning in 2014, the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2015 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 66.732.

Table 2 contains the inflation adjustment factor and the phase-out amount for taxable years beginning in the 2019 calendar year as well as the previously published inflation adjustment factors and phase-out amounts for taxable years beginning in the 1991 through 2018 calendar years.

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<i>Calendar Year</i>	<i>Inflation Adjustment Factor</i>	<i>Phase-out Amount</i>
1991	1.0000	0
1992	1.0363	0
1993	1.0708	0
1994	1.0992	0
1995	1.1160	0
1996	1.1485	0
1997	1.1720	0
1998	1.1999	0
1999	1.2030	0
2000	1.2087	0
2001	1.2353	0
2002	1.2633	0
2003	1.2785	0
2004	1.2952	0
2005	1.3266	0
2006	1.3743	100 percent
2007	1.4222	100 percent
2008	1.4666	100 percent
2009	1.5003	100 percent
2010	1.5203	100 percent
2011	1.5326	100 percent
2012	1.5686	100 percent
2013	1.5968	100 percent
2014	1.5974	100 percent
2015	1.6245	100 percent
2016	1.6464	0
2017	1.6713	0
2018	1.7008	1.069 percent
2019	1.7334	100 percent

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