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Abstract: Increases the maximum civil penalties assessed by the Department of Environmental Quality.

<u>Present law</u> provides for a maximum civil penalty assessed by the Dept. of Environmental Quality or the court of \$32,500 for each day of violation.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the maximum civil penalty <u>from</u> \$32,500 <u>to</u> \$47,500 for each day of violation.

<u>Present law</u> provides for a maximum civil penalty assessed by the department or the court of \$50,000 for each day a person fails to take corrective action on a compliance order or a cease and desist order within the time specified in the order.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the maximum civil penalty <u>from</u> \$50,000 <u>to</u> \$95,000 for each day of noncompliance.

(Amends R.S. 30:2025(E)(1)(a) and (2))