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INCMA's Monthly Fax Newsletter

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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES UPDATE

Below please find an update on key bills that may be of interest to foundries from the INCMA 2009 State Legislative Tracking List. The final deadline for passage in the 2nd Chamber is today with the Session to adjourn by April 29:

- 1) SB 580 dealing with illegal immigrant matters. Status: House did not move the bill. Could be revived during a Conf. Committee.
- 2) SB 21 makes life more difficult for scrap metal thieves. Status: Passed Senate and House. Differences to be worked out in Conf. Committee.
- 3) HB 1166 requires employers with 50-100 employees to provide notice of closure or layoffs. Defines liability. Status: Senate did not move the bill. Could be revived in a Conf. Committee.
- 4) HB 1352 Requires IN to participate in one of several Climate Registries. Status: Senate did not move the bill. INCMA testified against it.
- 5) HB 1379 Unemployment

Insurance Fund Solvency. Status: Passed the Senate. Differences will be negotiated in Conf. Committee.

- 6) HB 1492 Allows individuals suing IDEM to recover costs. Status:



Likely Dead as it did no move in Senate but is eligible for Conf. Committee consideration.

- 7) SB 420 Utility matters related to renewable energy, cost recovery and more. Status: Alive but may not get past Conf. Committee.
- 8) SB 419 Anti-degradation of Surface Waters would have expedited 10 year old rulemaking. Status: House did not hear the bill - will likely send to EQSC Study Committee.
- 9) SJR 1 Resolution to allow public vote to amend Constitution with property tax

caps. Status: Likely Dead as House has refused to move the Bill.

Log on to INCMA.org to view a complete list.

INCMA OPPOSES RENEWABLE ENERGY MANDATES

INCMA sent letters to every state Congressional delegation member last week requesting they oppose efforts to push "one size fits all" mandates for states to purchase a set percentage of energy generated from renewable sources.

These mandates (Renewable Portfolio Standards RPS) are projected to increase electricity costs in Indiana by 15 percent.

OSHA NEP FOR FOUNDRIES

OSHA continues to work on drafting a National Emphasis Program (NEP) directed at Primary Metals. While the new policy is not expected until late 2009, similar efforts have been implemented in Ohio and the North East. When finished, foundries should anticipate new inspections focusing on the following:

- Material handling

and storage; including but not limited to cranes, forklifts and rail yards;

- Control of hazardous energy (such as lockout/tagout);
- Machine guarding;
- Hazard assessments, including use of PPE, fire explosion hazards associated with molten metal and emergency action plans;
- Air Contaminants (41);
- Review of all safety and health programs;
- Ergonomic hazards.

EPA GHG RULE PUBLISHED 4/10/09

EPA published the new Green House Gas (GHG) emission registry rule on April 10 (60 day comment period). As written it requires all facilities emitting more than 25,000 metric tons of GHG annually (including CO₂) to annually report their emissions by 2011.

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