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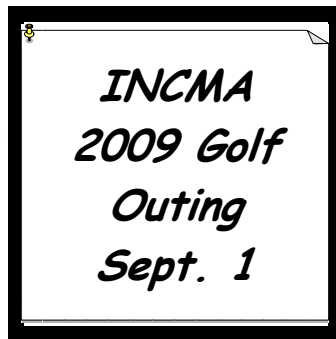
SPECIAL SESSION ENDS

The Indiana General Assembly wrapped up it's Special Session on June 30 by voting to adopt a new two year state budget. While the budget does not include any new tax increases and maintains a respectable state reserve to deal with potential further economic declines, there was no effort to fix the severely flawed bill passed in April to fix the unemployment compensation fun. The Chamber and the IMA presented new data showing the increases to be even more detrimental but legislative leaders declined to act preferring to wait until January to review it further. Employers will receive the new rate in December for wages paid in 2010. Efforts will continue to modify this flawed approach.

FEDERAL CO2 LEGISLATION MOVES FORWARD

The American Clean Energy & Security Act of 2009 (Cap and Trade as it is frequently referred to) passed the US House on a vote of 219-212 on June 26. The Senate is expected to consider a version of the

legislation in September. INCMA is working aggressively to make sure that Senators Bayh and Lugar understand the negative impact the bill will have on existing manufacturing. INCMA will be calling on all members to contact the



Senators' offices soon. Given the potential to dramatically increase the cost of energy, this issue could have one of the most catastrophic impacts on the industry of anything considered in recent memory.

INCMA's 20th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Player and sponsor registration is now open for INCMA's Sept. 1, 2009 Golf Outing. This year promises to be another excellent event as we return to the beautiful Meshingomesia Country Club in Marion. Log on now to INCMA.org to reserve your sponsorship or to register to play!

WORKERS COMP BENCHMARKING SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to respond to INCMA's Workers Compensation Benchmarking Survey recently emailed to foundry members. Working with Larry Cottrell, Pillar Group Risk Management, the survey will benchmark several workers compensation issues that will allow a better understanding of how foundries compare to one another and how possibly to better evaluate and respond to various workers compensation issues confronting members. Broader participation will result in even more useful analysis. Please contact INCMA if you would like to participate but did not receive the email with the online survey link.

EPA APPROVES IDEM ENFORCEMENT REFORMS

Region V EPA recently affirmed IDEM's restructuring of it's enforcement staff moving them from a central office out to the IDEM program areas. This "new" structure reflects an agency approach used many

years ago which was thought to be better by many in the regulated community. Several state environmentalist groups have opposed the restructuring and had hoped that Region V EPA would as well.

CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING SEASON

Below are a few fundraisers of note that include foundry friends and key political leaders/caucuses. Contributions may also be delivered by INCMA if desired.

- >7.22.09 Rep. Bill Ruppel Golf Outing. Wabash.260.982.2472
- >7.29.09 Rep. Brian Bosma. Junetoberfest. Indpls. 317.610.2016
- >7.30.09 Rep. Russ Stilwell Outing Boonville. 317.231.6291
- >8.5.09 House Democratic Outing. Greenwood. 317.231.6291

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