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INCMA's Monthly Fax Newsletter

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INCMA TO HOST IDEM AIR PERMIT WRITERS

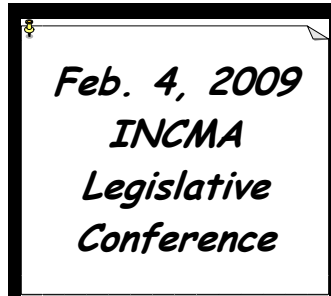
INCMA will host 14 IDEM permit writers and section chiefs and 4 Indianapolis City air permit writers on Oct. 21 for a day of foundry tours and classroom time to learn more about foundry processes. This is the first time in many years that IDEM has agreed to partner with INCMA on such an endeavor and reflects a tremendous opportunity to educate IDEM staff. Increased staff

understanding should translate to better foundry permits. Special thanks to Dan Murray, IDEM Asst. Commissioner for Air Quality who agreed to the joint endeavor and to Interstate Castings and Indianapolis Casting Corporation who have volunteered their facilities for tours. Thanks also to Keramida Environmental and ERM who will be lending staff to present during the two hour classroom portion of the day.

ELECTION NEWS

The Indiana Manufacturers Association released the results of a recent poll last week. The poll measured the attitudes of newly registered or registered voters to

determine their impact in the upcoming election. The results suggested a 49-30 percent lead for Governor Daniels. It also conveyed that 37% intended to split their



ticket on election day with 31% voting straight democrat and 19% voting straight republican. 41% of the newly registered voters were age 22 or younger.

FOUNDRY SAND WEBINARS

The University of Wisconsin is hosting a series of six one hour online workshops focusing on "using foundry sand in transportation and civil infrastructure applications." The sessions will be held weekly beginning Oct. 16 and ending on November 20, 2008. Participants may purchase all six session for \$395 or register for individual sessions for \$85 each. For more information or to register,

please call 800-462-0876 or contact INCMA for a copy of the flyer.

OSHA TARGETING FOUNDRIES

AFS recently reported that Federal OSHA continues to work on a National Emphasis Program (NEP), for primary metal which includes foundries, to be released in 2009. AFS reports that nearly a dozen foundries have been hit for more than \$100,000 in safety and health citations. Ohio has come under heavy scrutiny as Ohio OSHA estimates a third of all recent fatalities were from within the manufacturing sector. Primary foundry violations have included: lead and silica over-exposures; high-level noise exposure; electrical hazards; training deficiencies including respiratory protection training; and, lack of personal protective equipment for employees.

SCRAP SUCCESS

AFS, working with the American Scrap Coalition, announced this week the coalition had successfully

lobbied the Export-Import Bank not to issue a credit limit to the Sims Global Trade Corp. effectively preventing it from selling and exporting \$24 million of shredded steel scrap to Turkey.

INDIANA PROSPERITY PROJECT

The IMA and State Chamber have launched a project to help educate employers and their employees on issues and the electoral process to create better informed voters. The project provides resources to a primary contact within each registered business that they can in turn use to educate employees of the business. To join or learn more about the project, please call Justin Grindstaff at 317/264-7513 or email jgrindstaff@indianachamber.com or log on to IndianaProsperity.org.

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