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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter *January 2017*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

INCMA 2017 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

INCMA's 2017 Legislative Conference will feature AFS Lobbyist Stephanie Salmon to discuss the huge changes in Washington and how it will impact foundries. The event will be held on Wednesday February 15, 2017 and feature Stephanie Salmon as well as Kevin Brinegar, President of the Indiana Chamber and Victor Smith, Former Indiana Secretary of Commerce. Governor Holcomb is also invited.

Special thanks to our sponsors for the event -

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INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES

The General Assembly convened on January 3rd to begin work on the 2017 Long Session which must adjourn by April 29, 2017. While the deadline for bill introductions was last week, many bills have yet to be reported and assigned to their initial committees. INCMA will be updating our foundry tracking list on a weekly basis and it may be viewed online by clicking here. A few bills of particular interest already introduced include:

HB 1172 Competitive Procurement by Electric Utilities: Requires utilities to solicit competitive bids from alternative suppliers for various projects and services. INCMA supports this bill based on a belief that competitive procurement for utility generation projects would help rates from increasing more than necessary.

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HB 1226 Piping Materials for Public Works Projects: Allows public works projects to use any piping materials that meet ASTM or AWWA standards. This bill is strongly supported by the Indiana Builders Association. INCMA is monitoring closely.

HB 1311 Depreciation: Incrementally reduces over 10 years the minimum valuation applicability for assessable depreciable personal property from 30% to 20% beginning with the 1/1/18 assessment date. INCMA strongly supports

SB 309 Distributed Generation: This bill reflects multiple utility initiatives primarily including net metering reform; cogeneration language; the study of backup and maintenance tariffs; IURC rate reviews; and exceptions for wind and solar projects. INCMA is working with INDIEC on this bill.

SB 421 Above Ground Storage Tanks: Repeals the law requiring owners of certain above ground storage tanks to register their tanks with IDEM. INCMA is monitoring.

AFS TOP EHS PRIORITIES

AFS recently identified their top environmental health and safety (EHS) priorities heading into 2017 including:

1. Amending the Reduction in the Crystalline Silica PEL
2. Resurrection of Voluntary Programs at US EPA and OSHA
3. Reasonable PM 2.5 rule implementation
4. Reasonable Stormwater Management enforcement
5. Miscellaneous other issues that also impact multiple manufacturing sectors and as such will involve working in coalitions to impact include: ozone rule implementation; clean power plan, WOTUS CWA jurisdiction; Startup, Shutdown, Malfunction Regulations; and Environmental Justice Implementation.

VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENTS SENT

INCMA distributed our annual voluntary assessments last week requesting additional financial support for our governmental affairs efforts. Please review the letter and consider the request . Thank you to all for your ongoing support!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

INCMA welcomes new associate member: Wells Fargo Bank in Indianapolis to the membership.

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