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INCMA's Monthly Fax Newsletter

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SENATE PASSES CURRENCY BILL

Since 2002, INCMA has been working with the AFS in support of measures to stop China from unfairly manipulating their currency. Last week, the US Senate adopted S. 1619 to finally address the issue. It is believed that both Speaker Boehner and President Obama oppose the bill and don't believe it is the correct response to persuade China to change their policies. The House version of the bill, HR 639, has 218 co-sponsors but may not be allowed to come up for a vote. Members may want contact their member of Congress to let them know what they think on the issue.

INCMA FOUNDRY SAND REUSE EFFORTS

INCMA met again with IDEM officials in late September to discuss policy clarifications needed related to structural fill uses. Other issues were discussed as well and IDEM agreed to develop a check list of items to assist everyone involved with the approval process in the future.

On a related effort - several INCMA

members actively solicited the support of Indiana's Congressional delegation for the most recent AFS effort to encourage EPA to release the long awaited risk analysis study. The study is expected to be very supportive of foundry sand reuse. Congressman Donnelly agreed to sign on to the official AFS letter to EPA requesting they release the study.

***INCMA 2012
Legislative
Conference:
Jan. 25th***

Representatives from Ohio and Pennsylvania also signed the letter. Many believe the study has been held up due to concerns with fly ash reuse that has created a generally negative atmosphere related to all reuse efforts.

OIL SANDS CONFERENCE

The Indiana Petroleum Council is hosting a free luncheon event on Tuesday October 25th event at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis to discuss "Secure

Energy." The conference will feature an address by the Canadian Ambassador to the USA. The event is sponsored by the IMA and State Chamber. More information is available by calling 317-639-2588. RSVP required by Oct. 20th.

2011 INDIANA MANUFACTURING SURVEY RESULTS

Bingham McHale LLP, in partnership with the IMA and Conexus, is pleased to welcome Katz, Sapper & Miller, LLP and Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Indianapolis, for a special presentation of the 2011 Indiana Manufacturing Survey Results on Thursday Nov. 10 from 11—1 pm in Indianapolis. For more information or to sign up at no charge, please call Deborah Brechtel at 317.968.5586.

IURC EFFORTS CONTINUE ON RULE

The IURC continues it's workgroup efforts to collect feedback on a rule implementing appropriate measures related to SB 251 passed earlier this year by the Indiana General Assembly. Specific language is

being developed on the Voluntary Clean Energy Portfolio Standard Program championed by Sen. Bev Gard. INDIEC has submitted comments on behalf of industry. Stay tuned...

SENATOR BEV GARD TO RETIRE

Senator Bev Gard (R-Greenfield) announced late last week that she will not run for reelection next year. Senator Gard has held her seat since 1988. Her district boundaries were impacted by the new lines drawn earlier this year. Sen. Gard had at times been a good friend to the foundry community.

INDOT TO VOTE ON REUSE

INDOT will consider positive streamlining changes to the foundry sand special reuse provision this Thursday Oct. 20th. INCMA will be present to testify if needed.

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