

# The Cope...



*INCMA's Monthly Newsletter*

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**INCMA WORKING TO PROTECT TITLE V AIR PERMITTING AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

EPA published a final rule last July removing a company's use of an "emergency" as an affirmative defense against enforcement actions associated with Title V permits. EPA provided states with an interim period to align state permitting programs. While Indiana is sorting out how quickly they can change our state rules to comply, there are concerns that IDEM enforcement staff are already disregarding foundry permit holder's use of the affirmative defense which will likely spread to all permitted sectors. INCMA has reached out to the IMA and Chamber as well as the Commissioner's office to express our concerns and to request a meeting. [Click here to a copy of the IDEM Letter to EPA outlining the issue and the agency's official](#) timeframe for complying. Stay tuned!

**FIGHTING EPA'S NEW PM 2.5 STANDARDS**

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) has launched a sign-on letter to congressional

leadership, calling for action on two Congressional Review Act resolutions that would disapprove of the EPA's recently finalized PM2.5 standard. This rule undermines industry's ability to invest in local communities and will ensure permitting gridlock for years to come. It will hamstring U.S. economic growth, job creation and competitiveness—and



need to be reversed. Pushing back on this rule has been a top priority for AFS and aggressively supported by INCMA. INCMA, along with several state foundry associations, signed onto the letter.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Please mark your calendars For INCMA's 2024 member dinner and golf outing on Monday/ Tuesday August 26/27th. The event will once again be held at the Pretty Lake Golf Club in Plymouth, IN.

The member dinner will be held Monday evening featuring a guest speaker TBA, followed by an excellent day of golf, networking and fellowship. Mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun!

**PARTNER UPDATES...**

**CHAMBER'S ENV. PERMITTING CONF. THIS WEEK**

The state Chamber is hosting an Environmental Permitting & Reporting Conference April 17/18 in Indpls. [Click here for more information.](#)

**ENERGY WORKSHOP June 18**

Planning is underway for the June Workshop, which the Indiana Industrial Energy Consumers (INDIEC) sponsors every other year for IURC and OUCC personnel. It is a half-day event held in Indianapolis to provide an opportunity to interact with regulators on a specified ratemaking or other technical energy issue, without utility representatives or other third parties being present. This year's workshop will focus on "Energy Transitions

Revisited." Specific topics will be announced soon and registration will open in May. INCMA is an active member of INDIEC.

**IMA'S SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING CONF.**

**APRIL 30**

The IMA is hosting a webinar on April 30th on how manufacturers may cost effectively reduce their energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Free for IMA members - [click here to register.](#)

**SAVE 25% ON YOUR WORKERS COMP**

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