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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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SILICA UPDATE

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) began enforcing its respirable crystalline silica rule for general industry on June 23, 2018. OSHA will evaluate good faith efforts taken by employers to comply with the new standard during the first thirty days of enforcement. In other words, in these circumstances, citations will likely not be issued for noncompliance. However, if an employer makes no effort to comply, OSHA may inspect, collect air samples and consider employers for citation, but the Washington enforcement office will have to review. OSHA also posted its "[Interim Enforcement Guidance for the Respirable Crystalline Silica in General Industry, 29 CFR 1910.1053](#)" which provides interim enforcement guidance to compliance safety and health officers for enforcing the new silica rule for general industry. AFS recommends that metalcasters review the agency's interim enforcement guidance document. The interim enforcement guidance does allow industry to utilize HEPA filtered industrial

sweepers. Originally, OSHA had essentially banned sweepers. AFS has indicated they are close to finalizing the FAQs that have been negotiated with OSHA for compliance and will be able to share these this month. AFS continues to be involved in ongoing discussions with the OSHA attorneys on industrial sweepers, as well as issues related to



feasibility. AFS will be hosting a second silica webinar "Countdown to Compliance" later this month. More [information will be available here once a date is announced.](#)

2017 INJURY & ILLNESS DATA SUBMISSION DEADLINE WAS JULY 1st

The deadline for foundries to submit their OSHA 300A log data electronically directly to OSHA was July 1st. Foundries with 20 or more employees were to submit their OSHA 300A data by July 1, 2018 for

calendar year 2017 OSHA 300A log totals. The [OSHA website to submit your OSHA 300A log is located here.](#) The Agency has indicated that approximately one third of the establishments that were required to file their 300As failed to do so for calendar year 2016. Failure to file may result in an other-than-serious citation which carries a maximum penalty of \$12,934.

2018 MEMBER DINNER TO FEATURE MIKE BRAUN REGISTER NOW!

The INCMA 2018 Member Dinner and Golf Outing will be held on August 27th and 28th in Marion, IN. A reception and dinner with special guest Indiana Senate Candidate Mike Braun will be held Monday evening followed by the annual golf outing the next day. Registration is now open the dinner as well as for outing players and sponsors! [Click here for more information.](#)

We look forward to another excellent gathering for fun and networking! Special thanks to our Gold sponsors which to date include:

- Plymouth Foundry
- HA International
- Constellation Energy
- Pillar Group Risk Mgmt
- ASK Chemicals
- Bahr Bros. Mfg.

INDIANA REPORTS SURPLUS

The state's annual fiscal closeout report, which is prepared by the Office of Management and Budget, (OMB) indicated that Indiana's reserves amounts to 11.3 percent of general fund expenditures, or \$1.785 billion. OMB recently updated Indiana's transparency portal, which contains details information about the state's revenues and expenditures. [The site is accessible to the public.](#) The state, which finished the first year of a two-year budget cycle on June 30, has maintained AAA ratings with national credit reporting agencies. One benefit of a strong credit rating is that Indiana is able to borrow money at lower interest rates.

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