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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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INCMA/AFS SOUND ALARM ON PIG IRON

Last week we became aware of a sunset waiver provision for pig iron that was included in the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act of 2021 (USICA) even though pig iron is not available domestically and has had a critical nationwide waiver from the Buy America regulations for decades. Ending the pig iron waiver without a clear process for possible renewal or alternative consideration would have an extremely detrimental impact on many Hoosier foundries. AFS and INCMA reached out to Senators Braun and Young for their help to amend the legislation although the matter will now need to be addressed in the House given where the bill was in the Senate process. Stay tuned.

INCMA 2021 MEMBER DINNER & GOLF OUTING

INCMA is pleased to announce that registration is now open for our 2021 INCMA Member Dinner and Golf Outing which will be held in Plymouth this year on Monday Sept. 13th and Tuesday Sept. 14th. The Member dinner will be held at the Brass Rail in downtown

Plymouth, IN at 5:30 pm and feature special guest speaker Senator Ryan Mishler. Senator Mishler is chair of the Indiana Appropriations Committee and a good friend to the foundry industry. The annual Golf Outing will



be held the following day on Tuesday Sept. 14th for the first time at the beautiful and challenging Pretty Lake Golf Club also in Plymouth, IN [Please register today to sponsor and/or attend one or both of our annual events!](#)

INCMA 2021/2022 DUES INVOICES SENT OUT

INCMA sent out membership dues invoices last week requesting members renew their support of the association for another year. As reflected in the renewal letter, **without** INCMA as the only association advocating exclusively for the foundry industry, many challenges would face

Hoosier foundries including: higher workers compensation rates, increased IDEM enforcement/penalties, less regulatory compliance flexibility, and other challenges not mitigated by INCMA's efforts. We deeply appreciate all of our members, both foundries and foundry related businesses, who make that financial decision every year to invest in INCMA and our efforts to protect and sustain the foundry industry. Thank you.

INCMA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

INCMA's Environmental Affairs Committee met virtually on June 8th and discussed several items including new IDEM efforts on spill reporting and secondary containment rules, changes to the financial assurance rules for foundries with their own landfills and new proposals for use of degreasers that could make life a little easier for foundries using de-minimis amounts. The committee also discussed recent bills considered during the 2021 Legislative Session.

The Committee meets quarterly and will continue to do so virtually, with one in-person meeting each year. If you would like to join the committee, please contact INCMA.

EPA TO REVISE WATER POLLUTION RULES

The EPA last Wednesday officially announced that it plans to revise a Trump-era rule that limited what waters receive federal protections from pollution. In a statement, EPA Administrator Michael Regan said the agency, along with the Army, has determined the rule that's currently in place is "leading to significant environmental degradation." Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jaime Pinkham said in a statement that the Trump-era rule caused a 25 percentage point drop in decisions that waters should get Clean Water Act protections. [Click here for the full article.](#)

Please note that there will be no July newsletter.

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