

# The Cope...



## INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

March 2023

### **LEGISLATIVE SESSION PASSES HALFWAY POINT**

The second half of the Indiana General Assembly is underway. Only 27% of House and 33% of Senate bills filed survived the first half of the legislative session. The Session's primary focus is on developing a two-year state budget and reigning in the cost of healthcare. By statute, the session must conclude by April 29.

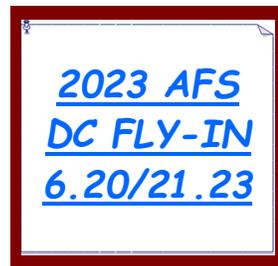
#### **Healthcare**

Rising costs of healthcare has prompted close scrutiny by legislators on the entire healthcare system. Multiple bills are under consideration. HB 1004 is a priority for the House Republican Caucus.

[HB 1004](#) establishes the Health Care Cost Oversight Board that must submit an annual report to the Governor and will assess penalties against nonprofit hospital systems should they exceed specified percentages of the national mean. HB1004 also incentivizes physicians to establish independent practices with a \$20,000 tax credit for 3 years. Some lawmakers voiced concern that the bill will result in anti-competitive practices and a decline in access and quality of care.

#### **Environment**

[SB 155](#) The Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) seeks to allow increased air permitting fees for Title V and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits (FESOP) through SB155. The base fee will increase to \$6,100 starting in 2024 (up from \$2,381). The



guardrails limiting the frequency and amount of future increases passed in 2019 will remain in place, which was not what IDEM originally asked for in the bill, but is deemed a "compromise." INCMA has expressed concerns with the flat rate increase but alternative approaches also impact negatively.

#### **Energy**

[HB 1007](#) will codify what House Utility Chair Ed Soliday refers to as the "Five Pillars" (reliability, affordability, resilience, stability and environmental sustainability). This bill is part of the work product from the four-year 21st

Century Taskforce studying energy and provides for the IURC to conduct a study on Performance Based Ratemaking with a report due back to the legislature by 2025.

INCMA lobbyists will continue to monitor legislation and engage with legislators on behalf of the foundry industry in Indiana. Watch the [webpage](#) for new reports every Friday. Email or call us with questions!

### **INCMA SUPPORTS SAFE TRUCKS ACT OF 2023**

INCMA, partnering with AFS, recently sent a [joint letter](#) thanking Senator Todd Young for his introduction of the Modern, Clean, and Safe Trucks Act of 2023 which would repeal the century-old Federal Excise Tax (FET) on heavy-duty commercial trucks and trailers. Repealing the FET will encourage investments in a more modern truck fleet updates and in turn support foundries as well as other manufacturers.

### **NEW PFAS REGULATION**

Yesterday, [EPA announced the proposed National](#)

[Primary Drinking Water Regulation \(NPDWR\)](#) for six PFAS. The regulation would establish legally enforceable levels, called Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), for six PFAS in drinking water. EPA is also proposing health-based, non-enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level Goals for these six PFAS. The proposed PFAS NPDWR does not require any actions until it is finalized. EPA anticipates finalizing the regulation by the end of 2023. EPA will be holding two informational webinars about the proposal on 3/16/23, and 3/29/23. Registration is required. The webinar recordings will be made available following the webinars.

- [March 16, 2023 \(2:00-3:00 pm EDST\) Webinar Registration: \*\*General\*\* Overview of Proposed PFAS NPDWR](#)
- [March 29, 2023 \(2:00-3:00 pm EDST\) Webinar Registration: \*\*Technical\*\* Overview of Proposed PFAS NPDWR](#)

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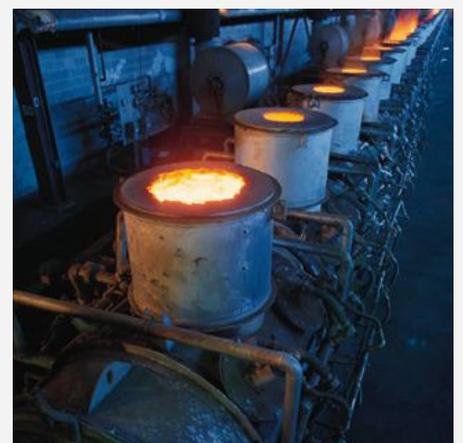
### Permitting Expertise

- We have unparalleled experience permitting several brand new foundries in the USA.

### Green Manufacturing Processes

- KERAMIDA co-owned Technikon Inc., a Green Manufacturing Foundry, which conducted over 10 years of research funded by the U.S. Dept. of Defense to assist foundries in reducing emissions through material substitutions, metals research, and new casting technologies.

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