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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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INCMA ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The INCMA Environmental Affairs Committee met virtually on Thursday October 28th. The group discussed several issues including: recent efforts to tighten the Waters of the US standards, PFAS concerns, PBT chemicals regulated by TSCA, AFS's Green Foundry Program, and more. If you are a member and would like a copy of the minutes, please email INCMA.

EPA PLANS TO REGULATE PFAS UNDER RCRA

From *Marten Law*: In a letter sent to the Governor of New Mexico on October 26, 2021, EPA Administrator Michael Regan announced that EPA will use the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") in a way that could radically reshape the regulatory landscape for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as "PFAS." Foundries should be cautious as they approach this issue given the pervasiveness of these substances already in our environment. [Click here to view the entire article and background.](#)

Related: EPA released their official "roadmap" for addressing PFAS from

2021-2024. [Click here to view a copy of EPA's 26 page roadmap plan.](#)



IDEM HOSTING

RECYCLING ROUNDTABLE

IDEM is hosting a series of meetings to discuss issues, share resources, and find solutions to current challenges facing recyclers and Indiana's recycling industry. The purpose is to facilitate solutions to help Indiana meet its goal of a 50% recycling rate while helping to spur economic growth in recycling markets. Recycling stakeholders across Indiana are invited to attend. The first meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. and will address the importance of developing public-private partnerships to leverage different stakeholders' areas of expertise and resources. [Click here for more information or to register for this event.](#)

AFS GREEN FOUNDRY PROGRAM

The [AFS Green Foundry project](#) intent is to document examples of sustainability efforts being implemented at metalcasting facilities. These Green Foundry practices are categorized into the following five areas. In each category you will find several case studies as well as a searchable database of other foundry sustainability efforts. If your metalcasting facility has advanced sustainability or management initiatives, AFS wants to hear from you. [Click here for a form to submit your sustainability efforts](#) to be included the Green Foundry database.

SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON EPA'S CLIMATE AUTHORITY

On October 29, 2021, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal of the D.C. Circuit's decision vacating the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule, the Trump Administration's action to address CO2 emissions from existing fossil-fired power plants. This marks the latest development in a legal fight over what authority

the Clean Air Act confers on the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector—a fight that has spanned over six years and three presidential administrations. Depending on the outcome, the Court could open the door to significant new regulations or tie the Administration's hands by restricting the scope of EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act. [Click here for a legal summary from Beveridge & Diamond.](#)

IMA's ANNUAL MANUFACTURING SURVEY

This year's survey looks closely at the strategies and tactics employed by manufacturers to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and closely examines shifts in financial planning, revised workforce development efforts, and other operations areas impacted by the pandemic. [Click here to participate and receive a copy of the results!](#)

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