

# The Cope...

INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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## ELECTION WRAP-UP

*Sally Rideout, INCMA Lobbyist* - One week after Election Day, and there are still some races too close to be called. Close to home, we've had at least one change after Clark County discovered 1700 ballots that had failed to tabulate. This added 1032 votes in the HD #71 race creating a 225 vote victory for incumbent Rep. Rita Fleming (D-Jeffersonville), giving House D's a net +1 pickup. If this result – and other races still subject to potential recount challenges – holds, the GOP will maintain "supermajorities" of 70-30 in the IN House and 40-10 in the IN Senate. Legislators did caucus last week to elect their leadership. Senate President Pro Tem Rod Bray (R-Martinsville) survived a challenge from Sen. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) to maintain his position as the Senate GOP leader and House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) was re-elected to his position. The Minority caucuses also maintained their leadership of Sen. Greg Taylor (D-Indpls) and Rep. Phil GiaQuinta (D-Fort Wayne). Legislators meet for Organization Day next Tuesday, November 22nd.

## LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The 2023 INCMA Legislative Conference will be held on February 15th in Indianapolis from 9-1 pm including lunch with our legislators. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in this important annual initiative.

## INCMA ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE



The INCMA Environmental Affairs Committee met on Thursday October 27th. Several items were discussed including updates on: PFAS, IDEM's industrial, recent activities by AFS including comments on the emergency affirmative defense for Title V, PM 2.5 standards, new emissions benchmarking resource and more. If you would like a copy of the meeting summary, please email us at [INCMAoffice@ameritech.net](mailto:INCMAoffice@ameritech.net)

## IDEM FORMS STORMWATER WORKGROUP

The IN Dept. of Env. Mgmt (IDEM) has formed a

working group to revise the Industrial Stormwater General Permit process which will impact most manufacturers including foundries. The revisions are required by EPA. Initially the workgroup is expected to meet 5 times to review a 53 page draft permit. Who is covered will not likely change but the requirements for monitoring and inspecting will change. INCMA members are working with KERAMIDA, Inc. an active member of INCMA as well as the work group. Stay tuned.

## WAYS TO MINIMIZE OSHA RECORDABLES

*EHS TODAY* - Workplace injuries and illnesses cost employers billions of dollars each year. In 2020, workplace injuries cost U.S. employers \$163.9 billion, or more than \$1,100 per employee, according to the National Safety Council. The work productivity days lost in 2020 totaled 65 million. To add insult to (literal) injury, if an incident meets specific requirements, the details must be provided to the Occupational Safety and Health

Administration (OSHA). Even one reportable injury can increase workers' compensation costs significantly. [Click here to view the EHS article](#) reviewing 1) differences between recordable, reportable and non-recordable OSHA events, 2) how to reduce the number of recordable incidents and 3) how to mitigate life-threatening on-site injuries.

## INDIANA IN TOP 5 FOR CLEAN ENERGY CAPACITY

*CANARY MEDIA* - The U.S. now has more than 200 gigawatts of total operating utility-scale clean power capacity, and it will soon be adding 120 gigawatts more, according to a new report from the American Clean Power Association. This planned growth is due in part to 28 GW of new power-purchase agreements signed in 2021. More than half of the capacity in this clean energy pipeline is concentrated in just 10 states with Indiana coming in at No. 4. [Read more by clicking here.](#)

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