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## INCMA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

INCMA's annual Legislative Conference will be held on Wednesday January 24, 2024 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. This year's informative speakers will include:

- Robert Kuzman, Regional Director of Regulatory Affairs, MISO;
  - Stephanie Wells, President, Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute;
  - Vanessa Green Sinders, New President, Indiana Chamber of Commerce; &
  - Stephanie Salmon, VP Gov't Affairs, AFS.
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## INCMA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE SUMMARY

The INCMA Environmental Committee met on Thurs. Oct. 26th via Zoom and discussed several topics including the state Industrial stormwater permitting rule, EPA's proposed drum cleaning rule and EPA's revised air emissions reporting rule. Members may request a complete summary of the meeting by emailing INCMA at [INCMAoffice@Ameritech.net](mailto:INCMAoffice@Ameritech.net)

## LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

*From Sally Rideout, INCMA Lobbyist* - Voters in 37 states went to the polls last week to cast their ballots for Governor, State Supreme Court seats, State Legislators, and like here at home in Indiana, leaders of their cities and towns. [Looking at the Mayoral races in Indiana's 20 largest cities](#), Democrats held onto 9 seats (Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Bloomington,



Hammond, Lafayette, Gary, Muncie, Anderson, and Elkhart) and flipped 2 previously held by the GOP (Evansville and Terre Haute). Republicans held on to their Mayoral seats - including many in the "purple" Indianapolis suburbs - in Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, Greenwood, Muncie, Kokomo, Westfield, Columbus and Jeffersonville. Overall, the GOP had a net gain of 5 Indiana Mayoral seats. Congratulations to all of the winners and a heartfelt thank you to all who ran

proving their willingness to serve their communities.

## AMERICA'S POWER GRID AT RISK THIS

### WINTER

*THE HILL* - Much of the U.S. power grid is at an increased risk of failure during major storms or prolonged cold snaps this winter, a top energy regulator warned Wednesday. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) said that much of the central and eastern U.S. is at an "elevated" risk of power failure. The risk affects every region east of the Rocky Mountains, except for the Southeast and upstate New York. While the regulator said grids can handle normal winter loads, "any prolonged, wide-area cold snaps will be challenging" due to the extra strain that puts on power generators. "Extreme cold weather events can cause electricity demand to deviate significantly from historical forecasts," Mark Olson, NERC's manager of reliability assessments, said in a statement. "The growth of intermittent resources, like solar

generation, on the distribution system significantly increases load forecasting complexity and uncertainty." [Click here to read more.](#)

## GOLFERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please mark your calendars for INCMA's 2024 annual Member Dinner and Golf Outing to be held on August 26/27 back in Plymouth, IN.

## EPA BUDGET CUTS??

From B&T Env. Law Blog - On Nov. 3 the U.S. House of Representatives approved a 2024 appropriations package for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would reduce 2023 funding by nearly 40 percent, from just over \$10 billion to \$6.17 billion. This package would return EPA funding to levels last seen in 1991. And that's just the initial cut proposed! [Click to read the full summary](#) and analysis of the partisan divide when it comes to the EPA.

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