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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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RECESSION??

Recession odds between now and Sept. 2024 have dropped to 46%, according to Bankrate's latest quarterly survey of economists. While still close to a coin flip, they're down from an average forecast of 59% just last quarter and also the lowest odds since the first quarter of 2022.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please mark your calendars for INCMA's annual Legislative Conference to be held on Wednesday January 24, 2024 in Indianapolis. More information will be available soon!

INCMA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The INCMA Environmental Committee will be holding their quarterly meeting on Thurs. Oct. 26th via Zoom. Please contact INCMA for more information.

INDUSTRY EVENTS CALENDAR

INDIEC will be hosting their annual Energy Conference on Tues. October 17th from 9-1:30 pm. Topics Include: Renewable Energy Outlook & Industry Trends; Permitting & Siting in Indiana; and Advancing Nuclear Power. [More information or](#)

[register here.](#)

- The Indiana Chamber will be hosting their [annual Environmental Conference](#) on Dec. 6/7 in Indianapolis.
- IMA's Energy Efficiency Sustainability Part 2 webinar is scheduled on Nov. 16th. [Click here for more information.](#)
- The World Foundry Organization (WFO) will present the 2025 World Foundry Technical Forum



in the USA and will co-locate with CastExpo 2025, on April 12-15, 2025, in Atlanta.

EPA'S "CLIMATE ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE STRATEGY

B&T Environmental Law Blog - The U.S. EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance's (OECA) memorandum on Climate Enforcement and Compliance Strategy is deemed to be a "must-read." This memorandum from David Uhlmann, assistant administrator of OECA, announced on Sept.

28, is the most recent and potentially far-reaching of the administrations' climate initiatives... Of particular importance for environmental practitioners and the regulated community, the OECA directed, "Enforcement staff should ensure consistent consideration of climate change during the case development process and incorporate relevant climate mitigation considerations in administrative actions, civil referrals, consent decree approval requests, and referrals for criminal prosecution sent to the Department of Justice." This includes anticipating and accounting for future extreme weather events when resolving regulatory enforcement cases by including relief that will be resilient to the projected impacts of climate change. [Click here to read the full article and review the requirements for enforcement activities.](#)

EPA Finalizes Rule to Require Reporting of PFAS Data

On Sept. 28th, finalized a rule to provide EPA, its partners, and the public

with the largest-ever dataset of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) manufactured and used in the United States. This rule is deemed to be a key action in EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap. PFAS are a category of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s. PFAS have characteristics that make them useful in a variety of products, including nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, and firefighting foam, as well as in certain manufacturing processes. [Click here to read the EPA press release.](#) Click here to read the [final rule.](#)

MANUFACTURING SURVEY OPEN

Katz, Sapper & Miller's [annual survey](#) assessing the state of Indiana's manufacturing industry is now underway. The survey provides key insights and market trends that often lead to industry improvement. The survey is open through October.

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